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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

MEMORANDUM

May 31, 1954

TO : Robert D. Dolley, Chief
Education Division

FROM: A. R. Anderson, Vocational Education Specialist
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RE : Monthly Report - May 1954

Near the close of the school term, I was appointed by a Saudi school official in Mecca to serve on the Committee for Testing the Woodworking students at the Jidda Industrial School. I assisted in formulating the written questions and devising a floor test. I also graded both the written and floor tests.

I have completed the listing of equipment you requested for a Woodworking Shop setup, compiling the list from three catalogs, including all specifications, so that it may be requisitioned at a moments notice. Costs, both actual and estimated, to cover all contingencies of crating, shipping, etc. have been compiled. In addition to the above equipment list, I have on file lists for Auto Mechanics, Machine Shop, Electrical, Electric Arc Welding, Drafting and Business Education.

Some of my time was devoted to running a number of the films acquired from the Embassy for the purpose of determining their condition and suitability or adaptability for use in showing to the Arab Nationals.

Hardwood and other materials for the drafting tables were acquired and construction started on both the tables and stools. The audio-visual sound truck remains unfinished. Due to an error at the Industrial School, partitions were put in the cabinets. This, together with other deviations from my original plans of construction, made it necessary to order additional materials. Said materials were requisitioned on May 12 but have not been received to date.

The existing delay in clearing Mr. Kandiel's security through the American Embassy in Cairo leaves me without assistance. The lack of this assistance is a serious handicap to hoped for accomplishments. This is particularly true in regard to the matter of providing instructional material. I have a considerable amount of such materials in the English language as well as some in Arabic which must be revised for adaptation and the English translated to Arabic.

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 31, 1954

Mr. Tom I. Dudley
Chief, Range Resources Development
USA Operations Mission to Jordan
Amman, Jordan

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of May 19th and the enclosed copies of the Waterspreading Manual. The Department is to be complimented on the publication of this Manual, for I am sure it will be of much information and service to Arabic-speaking technicians and administrators.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for the privilege of attending the fine conference arranged by Mr. French and his associates. It was quite practical, and I feel confident everyone went away feeling that he had profited much by being in attendance.

You have my best wishes in your new undertaking. I feel confident the good work will continue.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

WJEdens:o

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 31, 1954

Mr. Sol D. Ozer
Director, Office of Labor Affairs
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ozer:

With reference to USFOTO Circular A-70, dated May 13, 1954, "Monthly Report - Developments in Labor Productivity", the publication is of little value to this Mission at present and could be discontinued.

The labor and management activities reported concern matters considerably in advance of the development and, consequently, of the understanding of the host country. On the other hand, there would not appear to be sufficient justification for urging continuance merely on the basis of its value as a medium of advice to Mission personnel.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

LWSmith:mep

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 31, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Lawrence W. Smith, Chief
Public Administration Division

FROM : Joseph P. Farrell

SUBJECT: Report and Prospectus of Investment Legislation and Encouragement Program

I. Program to Date

One phase of preliminary work in my program accomplished to date has been my meeting, mainly through your offices, with various Government officials and others who should prove helpful. Among the contacts that have been made are: Deputy Minister of Finance, Chief of the Bureau of Mines and Companies, President of the Commercial Bank, and officials of the Monetary Agency. I have also met Mr. Samir Shamma of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. While he is not officially a liaison man between SAG and me, it appears that he is one of the few lawyers (in the Occidental sense) in Jidda, and that he can be of great assistance.

An examination has been made of existing legislation having to do with business organizations and their regulation. The legislation is scant, consisting of a registration ordinance, a trade marks ordinance, a residence ordinance, and a Commercial Court ordinance. Translations of the first two have been made by Mr. Shamma, who has furnished me with copies. I am still seeking translations of the other two laws. At this point, it might be stated that copies of government laws, regulations, and reports are very scarce even in Arabic. There is an obvious need for a Government Printing Office or some such medium of dissemination of official documents. This is a concern, it seems, of the entire Public Administration Division which we might take up in the near future.

Attention has been given to what might be termed "collateral projects" regarding improvement of the investment climate of the country. We have received literature concerning the Contact Clearing House Service, operated by the Small Business Office of FOA/W. We have considered a Small Plant Plans Service, conducted by the Industrial Programs Division of FOA/W. Indications of our interest in both of the foregoing have been sent to Washington.

II. Proposed Program

Before proceeding with the actual drafting of legislation, certain further preliminary work must be done. It is obviously necessary that English translations of the Residence and Commercial Court Ordinances referred to above be obtained. It is my understanding that they can be obtained through Mr. Garry Owen of Aramco, from the company library here in Jidda. While fully cognizant of the care that must be exercised in our relations with representatives of private industry, it seems clear to me that the benefits that can be drawn from the cooperation of certain business concerns with long experience here cannot be overlooked.

A prerequisite to the actual drafting of legislation is the meeting and consultation with such SAG officials as will be able to expedite the official consideration of the measures to be proposed. My "counterpart" would be included among such personnel, but it would appear most desirable that some person or committee (preferably the latter) be proposed as a point for lodging specific recommendations. Perhaps a committee could be set up by SAG, at our suggestion, to handle all such recommendations of the Public Administration Division.

The laws that I am charged with drafting fall into two main categories: 1) legislation regarding foreign business organizations, and 2) legislation regarding domestic business organizations.

Legislation regarding foreign business will, I believe, prove to be a shorter statute (I assume that it can be covered in one law) than the domestic business organization code. In my contemplation, it will contain fewer mechanical details and will prove a somewhat easier drafting problem. However, I feel that it will entail more delicate policy determinations and will require more diplomacy and greater intensity of consideration at upper levels. Despite these difficulties, I am of the opinion that the shorter working time involved and the psychological advantage of getting one phase accomplished, dictate my attacking this problem first. Furthermore, the desired flow of diversified foreign investment cannot be accomplished without the enactment of a reasonable foreign investment law, whereas domestic companies can and do operate under existing legislation, inadequate as it is. I see no reason, at this time, why I cannot begin drafting a law in July considering foreign companies.

Following the presentation and acceptance of the foreign business law (possibly before its final acceptance), I shall begin to draft the law or laws relating to the organization and operation of domestic companies. I am not yet certain whether this will be a series of laws - one for corporations, one for joint stock companies, one for partnerships, etc. - or a single law in which the various types of business organizations are covered in various chapters. In either event, the task will be substantially the same. As I now view it, the desired end is to legislate, as simply as possible, minimum fundamental requirements for company organization and regulation. Even such basic requirements constitute a considerable list of detailed provisions. However, despite

the wrangling over detail, not to mention the inertia that may normally be expected, I think that this legislation should be finished by the end of our calendar year.

Upon completion, acceptance, and enactment of the legislation, the problem of implementation must be dealt with. The way for part of this can be paved through consultations, while the laws are being drafted, with appropriate government personnel, and presumably, the Ministry of Finance. After the decrees enacting the laws have been handed down, it is likely that further instruction will need to be given to appropriate administration officials mainly through direct personal consultation. Possibly the desirability of holding some classes will be indicated. In addition to personnel from the Ministry of Finance, it might be necessary to advise and instruct members of the Commercial Court.

Throughout the period of drafting and urging the acceptance of legislation and its implementation, the "collateral projects" referred to on page 1 will be furthered. My function in the furthering of this program is mainly one of bringing the services to the attention of SAG and Saudi businessmen and urging their enlistment in the programs wherever it seems desirable. In this respect, it may be found feasible, both before and after participation by the Saudis has been undertaken, to have published and circulated literature concerning the Contact Clearing House Service and the Small Plants opportunities, and opportunities for FOA Technical Assistance for the installation of plants. Another agency as to which it is conceivable that similar steps be taken is the International Bank for Rehabilitation and Development. Saudi Arabia is not a member country of this institution.

JPFarrell:mep

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 31, 1954

H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz
Minister of Agriculture
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Your Highness:

This is in reply to your letter addressed to our Director concerning the training program for Mr. Ezzat El Ali, who is now in the United States. We are sorry Mr. El Ali feels that he is not profiting by his present work.

I have written to our training division suggesting that Mr. El Ali be relieved of formal classroom work, except when he thinks he can profit by it, and that the following procedure be used:

1. Place him in the entomology laboratory under the personal direction of an instructor where he can be instructed and guided in the collection and identification of insects. He needs to develop confidence in himself and proficiency in this part of the work.

2. Following, or along with identification, arrange work in the college farms where he will have the opportunity to learn how to determine kinds of spray materials needed under given conditions, and how to apply and mix them.

3. Have him accompany an extension entomologist for a few weeks so that he may learn extension procedures and methods relative to insect control.

4. Spend some time in quarantine work at a convenient port.

There is no particular objection to changing Mr. El Ali to another college. However, I believe the above suggested procedure will provide him with the type of work he wants in any agricultural college. A letter from you to Mr. El Ali urging him to do his best, I believe, will be helpful to him.

We are looking forward to your return to Jidda.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens, Chief
Agriculture Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

Date May 31, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Visa

Will you kindly arrange to secure visa(s) for a trip to Dhahran and return for:

Name	Passport No.
Olga Goudarzi (Mae) and Children Harold, Diane, Leslie	Special Passport # 35196

The passport(s) ~~xxxxxxxx~~ does/does not accompany this memorandum.

To Dhahran for Dental attention.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 29, 1954

H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz
Chairman, Finance Committee
Council of Ministers
Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Your Royal Highness:

I have the honor and pleasure to inform Your Royal Highness that our Washington Office has agreed to the modifications of Article 3 in the proposed Special Economic Aid Agreement, as were requested by your Committee of the Council of Ministers. However, they would still like to have the word "effective" added before the word "share" unless there be continuing objection thereto on the part of the Royal Saudi Arabian Government.

My cable of May 18th from Riyadh (received in Washington May 19th) was answered on May 22d but could not be brought to me in Riyadh by one of my assistants, in accordance with my instructions, due to the fact that, despite repeated application to the Jidda authorities, he could not obtain a visa for Riyadh.

Respectfully,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 29, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director,
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM : Robert D. Dolley, Chief,
Education Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - May 1954

A summer school teacher training project for Saudi teachers at Taif was written for consideration of the Minister of Education. Six trainees in Public Administration were selected, received applications processed and sent to FOA/W for clearance to attend an Institute in Public Administration at American University of Beirut, starting July 3 and closing July 31. Clearances were also secured for these trainees at AUB. A seventh training grant application for Comparative Law study at New York University was processed and sent to FOA/W.

Serious attempt was made to send six teachers to the Summer Institute at AUB. Notice of approval of the Institute by FOA/W was received late in April and though the two months required for security clearance precluded the elapse of only two weeks for submission of applications to meet the scheduled deadlines of security and the opening of the summer session on July 6. This was not sufficient time for the Minister to select his candidates. It was necessary to cancel further efforts in this connection as of the middle of the month.

Textbooks and instructional material ordered for the Commercial School were removed from Customs where they have been for four months. They have been placed in the warehouse awaiting the signing of the project agreement.

The month of May has been a very busy one although there have been no significant developments. Much depends upon current negotiations being carried on in Riyadh with the Prime Minister and our Country Director. Should all projects previously agreed upon be signed as the result of these conferences, the problems of organization and work will be greater than ever before.

RDDolley:mep

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 29, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM : Lawrence W. Smith, Chief,
Public Administration Division

SUBJECT: Recommendation of E. P. Sanders, Telecommunications Expert, UNTAA to Minister of Communications with regard to Engineering Branch organization.

The attached subject matter is self-explanatory and transmitted to you for information only. Will you please return it to me when you have finished with it.

LWSmith:mep

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 27, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: E. F. Sinclair, Chief
Transportation and Communications Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - May 1954

Ramadan is with us this month and, naturally, during that period of time there is not much of anything accomplished in Saudi Arabia.

I had two conferences with the representative of the International Telephone Equipment Co. of Chicago concerning automatic telephone systems for the cities of Riyadh, Medina, Taif, Mecca and Medina.

Still waiting the outcome of the meeting of the Council of Ministers being held at Riyadh concerning the signing of our agreements.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 27, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director,
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM : Lawrence W. Smith, Chief,
Public Administration Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - May 1954

The Statistics Specialist is now engaged in making a survey of the work procedures, and the practices followed in commodity and country classification, coverage, and valuation in the Saudi Arabian foreign trade statistics at Customs. Considerable attention during the period was given to the problem of establishing an adequate Commodity Classification Schedule for presentation of import-export statistics.

Activities of the Business Law Specialist during the month were directed toward developing necessary personal contacts and background in existing legal procedures, practices and published material relating to the organization and operation of companies. Worthwhile conferences were held with Shamir Shamma, one of the few attorneys in Jidda; Alex McCloud, and Rasem Khalidi of the Monetary Agency, and Shaikh Ahmed Saleh Ba'aishon, President of the Commercial Court. Introductory and orientation meetings were held with His Excellency, Shaikh Abdul Aziz, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance, and Say'd Sami Kutbi of the Bureau of Mines and Companies, within whose jurisdiction company legislation falls. Preliminary attention was given to the possibility of enlisting the Saudis in the Contact Clearing Service, an exchange of opportunity ideas conducted by the Office of Small Business, FOA/W. Similar attention was directed toward a service regarding small factory plans. The latter service is offered by the Industrial Programs Division, FOA/W.

The Public Administration Division completed survey of that portion of the Ministry of Finance which is under the jurisdiction of H.E. Abdul Aziz. Further work on the review project will be delayed pending conference with H.E. Abdulla Suleiman, Minister of Finance. A recommendation from Say'd Sami Kutbi has gone forward to the Minister of Finance to this effect.

Further activities of the Division included the following:

1. Review at the request of E. T. Sanders, UNTAA, of the organizational aspects of a recommendation for a new Engineering Division for the Ministry of Communications.

2. Arrangements for a series of talks on Public Administration matters to the six Saudis who have been selected to attend the Public Administration Seminar at Beirut, July 3 - 31. These will begin shortly after Ramadan.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

Date _____

May 26, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Visa

Will you kindly arrange to secure visa(s) for a trip

to Riyadh and return for:

Name Passport No.

Robert D Dolley Special Passport # 70538

The passport(s) ~~does~~ do not accompany this memorandum.
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To confer with Mr. Corson, the USAOM Director and Prince Tahl on Education Program for Saudi Arabia.

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USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

May 26, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM; Jeannette E. Potter, Chief Nurse
Health and Sanitation Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, Division Health and Sanitation - May 1954.

Malaria Control

The entire month has been spent in field work at Wadi Khulais. The time has been spent in preparing the field camp site so that it will be in readiness before the spray program begins in September. It also aids the city-bred Saudi Arabian personnel assigned to this program to adjust to dessert life so that when the program gets underway they can devote their time and energy to the program instead of constant attention to daily living necessities. Because of the intense heat and Ramadan the work has not proceeded as fast as desired.

The campsite has been cleaned and set out in anorderly manner. A requisition has been placed for sufficient pipe and water tanks to supply the camp with water and eliminate the time required to haul water.. This will be most important when the time comes for mixing DDT and the actual spray programs begin in September. The supplies and equipment will be obtained either from the Ministry of Health stores or by USAOM local requisitions. A number of items have been on requisition for some time but have not been purchased as yet.

During the next months the spraying equipment will be assembled, repaired and put in readiness for use. Workers will be secured through the Ministry of Health in time to train them in spray work.

A continual check is being kept on the people for Malaria and on the mosquito population in the Wadi Khulais villages. The Malariogolist hopes to obtain a small electric generator that may be used to show films in Arabic on Malaria control and house spraying to the people in the area prior to the beginning of the spraying program. It is hoped that this will be an aid in securing their cooperation. It will also provide light for the camp.

It is hoped that the necessary laboratory equipment requisitioned through FOA/W some months ago will arrive before fall so that the laboratory can be set up ready for use. Plans are made to begin a survey for Bilharzia and other intestinal parasites as soon as the antimalaria spraying is over.

Sanitary Engineering

A concerted effort is being made by the Saudi Government to complete all the necessary construction work at the Quarantine Station so that it will be ready by July 1954 for the Pilgrims.

USAOM plans for construction and remodeling of the buildings to house the USAOM equipment are being carried out by GOVENCO. Twenty windows have been installed to increase light and ventilation in the Disinfection building. Counters have been completed in the reception area and will be built in the re-issue area after the installation of the suto-claves.

The steam boilers will be housed in the building originally intended to be used as the morgue. This building is being enlarged to accomodate the boilers. It is located about two hundred feet from the Disinfection building. The Ministry of Health has decided that the morgue should be located outside the Quarantine Station compound and they have started a new building.

The salt water system including piping, storage tank, and a large underground tank, is nearing completion.

The six - inch transite water pipe line from Jidda is about fifty percent completed. Work has been slowed up during Ranadan as the laborers only work a few hours each day.

The USAOM Sanitary Engineer spent two weeks in Dhahran conferring with ARAMCO Engineers on problems relating to water softening, boiler installation and maintenance, steam line installation, fuel and reservoir location and the handling of the heat problem in the sutoclave rooms. This period of consultation was most helpful and afforded many new approaches to these problems.

It is expected that all USAOM equipment for the Quarantine Station will arrive in Jidda by June 15, 1954.

Public Health Nursing

There has been no progress in the development of the Maternal and Child Health progran in over a month. It has been impossible to contact anyone in the Jidda office of the Ministry of Health as only the Clerks have been on duty here. The Ministry of Health has given no indication as to its plans for staffing and opening the Center.

USAOM has fulfilled its part of the agreement to date and can only await the Ministry decisions as to when the Center will begin to function. Many of the supplies requisitione by USAOM for the Center have arrived and all of them will be here within the next month.

Other:

The Saudi Arabian Government still wishes USAOM to furnish the necessary laboratory equipment for the establishment of a Vaccine Laboratory. This laboratory is now to be established here in Jidda and a Project Agreement for the securing of the equipment was signed on April 30, 1954 by the Minister of Health and the Director of USAOM.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

Date May 26, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Hussaini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Visa

Will you kindly arrange to secure visa(s) for a trip to Dhahran, Hofuf, Bahrain and return for:

Name	Passport No.
Billie Hal Rountree	Special Passport # 18974

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To survey crops and cropping systems in the vicinities mentioned above.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 25, 1954

Mr. O. L. Mimms, Chief
Agricultural Technical Assistance Division
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mimms:

Careful attention has been given to your airgram, USFOTO A-145, concerning Ezzat Husni El Aly, TA 470-8, Entomology. The matter has been discussed at some length with the Chief of Agriculture. He in turn has discussed the matter with representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture in Saudi Arabia. It seems that Mr. Aly sent a copy of the letter which he has written to Mr. Dill, directly to the Minister of Agriculture, His Royal Highness Prince Sultan, in Riyadh. During the time we were discussing in Jidda the problem as presented in your airgram, it seems that the Minister of Agriculture was discussing the matter with our Director, Mr. Corson, who has been in Riyadh for the past several weeks. We have just received the transmittal of a letter from the Minister of Agriculture through Mr. Corson, which we are enclosing for your general information. We are also enclosing a copy of a memorandum from Dr. Edens in which he has suggested certain changes in training emphasis.

Due to the unpredictable delays in transmission of letters, we have as of this date cabled you setting forth summarized recommendations concerning this case. It is unfortunate that Mr. Aly was placed on a graduate level training basis. However, it is felt if his training program can be changed to one which coincides with the suggestions of Dr. Edens, our Chief of Agriculture, that the experience thus far will be extremely profitable in the final analysis. It is strongly recommended that his training location be changed because of the psychological factors involved and the necessity for building up the confidence and general well-being of this trainee. It would be disastrous to materially shorten the training period for Mr. Aly because of the prospect of a derogatory attitude that he might acquire through such action that would be difficult to deal with as far as our Mission is concerned upon his return. In discussing his case with the officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, we are reasonably assured of strong support in the way of disciplinary action in the future in the event Mr. Aly's training program is changed in accordance with our recommendations and any difficulty that may arise with him in following the new schedule. We shall appreciate your keeping us informed as to the progress being made in making these adjustments.

We regret very much that this case requires special attention and has caused unanticipated difficulties. You may be assured of our full co-operation in supporting any action that may be necessary to make this training program an ultimate success.

Yours very sincerely,

Robert D. Dolley
Chief, Education Division

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As above

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

MEMORANDUM

May 20, 1954

TO: Dr. R. D. Dolley, Chief, Education Division

FROM: Dr. W. J. Edens, Chief, Agriculture Division

SUBJECT: El Ali

This has reference to your communication of yesterday about Izzat Husni El Ali and the difficulty he seems to be having in his training program. It appears that his difficulty is primarily in classroom work.

It is my suggestion that Mr. El Ali be relieved of formal classroom work, except when he thinks he can profit by it, and that the following procedure be used:

1. Place him in the entomology laboratory under the personal direction of an instructor or lab. assistant where he can be instructed and guided in the collection and identification of insects. This would require little supervision. He needs to develop confidence in himself and proficiency in this area.

2. Following, or along with identification, arrange work for Mr. El Ali on the college farms where he will be required to learn how to determine kinds of spray materials needed under given conditions, and how to mix and apply same.

3. Have him accompany an extension entomologist for a week or two so that he may observe extension procedures and methods relative to insect control.

4. Spend some time in quarantine work at some convenient point.

It might be desirable to change Mr. El Ali to another institution where fruits and vegetables are more widely grown; however, I see no reason why the above suggested training program cannot be administered where he is now located. The Agricultural Ministry is anxious for Mr. El Ali to return to his country with definite knowledge and skills that can be applied in the budding agricultural program.

WJEdens:fs

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 25, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. W. J. Edens, Chief, Agriculture Division

FROM: T. O. Parker, Animal Husbandry Specialist

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - May 1954

During the month of May we have been waiting for some word of signed project agreements which would permit us to start work on the various proposed projects which have to do with livestock and poultry improvement. To date nothing has been done to activate the plans we have proposed for SAG.

Last month we filled the demonstrational trench silo in the Khulais Community. The owner was in need of the feed as quickly as possible and Mr. El Bakrey and I agreed to return in 10 days to open the silo so he could have feed for his animals. We made a date to return on May 9 and Mr. El Bakrey was to meet me at our office at 6:30 A.M. I waited until 8:30 A.M. and went on without him, thinking no serious problem would arise that would require interpretation. In this I was wrong, because the owner of the silo felt if the silage were "cured", it would be all right to take it all out of the trench and stack it. I tried to tell him, through our cook, that it would ruin if he did. I think he finally understood and I am mentioning this to bring out the fact that if we are to do any work in this country, it is absolutely necessary to have a counterpart who is interested and can be depended upon, or someone who can interpret. I see no use of trying to do anything with the present counterpart. I have been unable to see him during the month of May. When I saw him last, I talked with him about plans for the proposed livestock and poultry station, and he showed no interest whatsoever, saying, "They will never get it built this year or next." It seems that instead of promoting a livestock and poultry program, he is "dragging his feet."

During the time we were building and filling the silo at Khulais, it was the opinion of the natives that the owner had gone crazy when he permitted "The Americanos" to bury all his feed and let it rot. Fortunately for all of us, the silage was as good as I have ever seen. When we opened it, the owner grabbed an armload and took it to his oxen. I was afraid they wouldn't eat it at first but they helped us out by eating it all and called for more. The old man said, "Tamam -- wadged tamam" (Good - very good). The neighbors were called in and before we left, we had a group of 25 or 30

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 25, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Dr. W. J. Edens, Chief,
Agriculture Division

FROM : B. H. Rountree, Agronomist

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report, May 1954

A trip was made to Wadi Grand at the request of El Mously, one of the local businessmen. He is interested in developing a small livestock and poultry farm with the local people in one of the villages in this wadi. He is also interested in crop and vegetable varieties that can be marketed in Jidda.

The land in this particular area is deep and fertile and there seems to be an abundant supply of good water. There are good possibilities for improvement of vegetables and crop varieties. According to Mr. Parker, FOA Livestock Specialist, a livestock and poultry program would work very nicely in conjunction with the crops.

A follow-up visit was made to Wadi Fatima. Farmers in one group are very enthusiastic and anxious to get further assistance on fertilizer and improved seed. The crops planted and fertilized with commercial fertilizer showed much more growth than those receiving no fertilizer.

Inactivity of the people because of fasting has slowed down operations.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 25, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Dr. W. J. Edens, Chief,
Agriculture Division

FROM : George P. Gibbs
Soils and Agricultural Research Specialist

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report, May 1954

During this month, two days were spent studying soil and water problems on a farm at Wadi Khulais. The report and map were developed in the office.

Materials have not yet arrived with which to continue soil studies at Kilo 10 or to do additional soil studies in other areas under investigation.

Reports were completed and are now in the process of being typed and drafted covering soil and water studies accomplished in Wadi Khulais and in the Southern Tihama.

GPGibbs:mep

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
MAY 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Miss Jeannette E. Potter
Chief Public Health Nurse, USAOM

FROM: Rolf T. Skrinde
Sanitary Engineer, USAOM

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, May, 1954

A great deal of effort has been expended at the new Jidda Quarantine Station during the past month in order that it may be ready to accommodate the 1954 Pilgrims. An earnest effort is finally being made to complete all the necessary construction work by early July.

My plans for the construction and remodeling of buildings necessary for housing the USAOM-supplied equipment have been discussed in detail with the Govenco engineers, and excellent cooperation has been received from them to date. They have now completed the installation of twenty windows, where I had requested them to be installed to increase the light and ventilation in the Disinfection Building. Counters separating the Undressing Rooms from the Reception Areas have also been built. Other counters (partitions) separating the Dressing Rooms from the Re-issue Areas will be built following the installation of the autoclaves, since these items will be moved into the autoclave rooms through the back door of the building.

The steam boilers are finally going to be housed in the morgue directly beyond the laundry building and about two hundred feet from the Disinfection Building. The Ministry of Health has decided that the morgue should be outside the main Quarantine Station compound, and therefore they have started a new building, which is located west of the Isolation Cages. The old morgue is now being enlarged in size and reconstructed to accommodate the two USAOM supplied boilers and also boilers for the laundry.

A salt water piping network is nearly completed. A salt water elevated storage tank is about twenty per cent completed, and the excavation for a large underground tank is nearly finished. These two tanks are being built outside the Quarantine Station compound near the salt water well, which is located a few feet southeast of the main compound.

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A six-inch transite pipe water line from Jidda to the Quarantine Station is about fifty per cent completed. The work has been very slow recently, since the laborers work until only 10:30 in the mornings during this month of Ramadhan.

I have spent the past two weeks in Dhahran conferring with ARAMCO engineers on various engineering problems relating to water softening, boiler installation and maintenance, steam line installation, fuel and water reservoir location, and the heat problem in the autoclave rooms. The discussions were extremely profitable, resulting in several new approaches, especially in regard to the heat generated from the autoclaves problem. A Permutit water softener has been ordered for the boilers. However, the addition of chemicals and use of distilled water was discussed with ARAMCO. In Dhahran I also purchased a commissary order for the USAOM.

A telegram from FOA/Washington states that all the Quarantine Station equipment will arrive in Jidda by June 15, 1954.

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American Embassy - Jidda

May 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Director of Preventive Medicine
Ministry of Health, Jidda

FROM: J. Miles Butler, Malariologist
Health and Sanitation Division, USAOM

SUBJECT: Report of Work for Period of April 25, 1954, through May 20, 1954; Review of previous Work done and future tentative Work Schedule

Progress:

Since it had been agreed that the base camp for all of the SAG and FOA personnel working in the rural development project would have their Khulais base camp at Well No. 5, we in Health have been working out a temporary camp site until a decision is reached as to the ownership of the land around Well No. 5. Our tentative schedule for spraying the houses in Khulais with DDT for malaria is for September and it is necessary to prepare the camp sufficiently in order that all of our time may be spent in actual work with little attention given to living needs.

Because our presence in Khulais represents the SAG Ministry of Health, it was deemed advisable to have the camp clean, presentable and functioning efficiently as possible to demonstrate to the people of Khulais the ability of the Ministry of Health and to gain the respect of the population.

The temporary camp site was cleaned and levelled with the use of hand tools. Some of the tents have been moved and placed in an orderly manner and others will be arranged this coming week. A few old wooden packing crates were obtained in Jidda, dismantled and the boards made into floors for some of the tents. A large table was constructed for the washing of dishes off of the ground. A cook tent was erected and equipped with a large wind-shielded cooking table. Many truckloads of rock have been hauled down from the mountains and are now arranged around the camp to designate its boundaries; these rocks will be sprayed with white-wash lime.

A requisition has been submitted for sufficient pipe and water tanks to supply the camp with water from the well to eliminate the time required in hauling water. This will be important in the event the permanent camp is not ready in time for spraying and mixing DDT.

Yousef Ghazzawi, my interpreter; Mohammed Subahi, from the Ministry of Health; Hassan Jabieen, the cook, and Sayed Bin Edah, driver from the Liaison Office, are to be complimented on their work and efforts inasmuch as most of the above work was accomplished during their observance of Ramadan.

I plan to requisition a small electric light generator which I hope may be obtained locally. This will not only provide light for the camp but, with the approval of the Ministry of Health, the showing of a motion picture in Arabic of malaria control by the spraying of houses. The Emirs and their representatives will be given the first showing in order that they may tell their people of subsequent showings. It seems plausible that we could receive more cooperation from the people if this motion picture could be shown at least four times during July or August before spraying any houses.

Review of Progress to Date:

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3. Preparation of Plan of Work for the Rural Community Development Project, Khulais. Plan was submitted to the Ministry of Health on March 17, 1954.

4. Preparations and requisitions made for the necessary laboratory equipment needed to accomplish the above work. Requisitions have been prepared and submitted through Washington for the purchase of this equipment in the amount of $5,000.00.

Tentative Work Schedule:

1. Preparation of the base camp in Khulais during Ramadan. See text of Progress.

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4. A continual check will be made on the mosquito population in the Wadi, as well as visiting the villages and checking the people for malaria.

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JMButler:o

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American Embassy - Jidda

May 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: J. Miles Butler, Malariologist
Health and Sanitation Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - May, 1954

This entire month has been spent in field work at Wadi Khulais.

Because of the intense heat and Ramadan, the preparation of establishing a sufficient temporary camp has not proceeded as fast as desired. This camp should be made before sprayings are started, in order that the city-bred Saudi Arabian personnel assigned to me may adjust to desert life; consequently, their available time and energy can be spent on our work schedule instead of constant attention to daily living necessities.

The following is a detailed report of work progress and a tentative work schedule which has been submitted to the SAG Ministry of Health:

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May 24, 1954

TO: Mr Harland J. Corson, Director, USAOM

FROM: Jeannette E. Potter, Chief Nurse ,Div. Health & Sanitation,USAOM

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, MCH Program, May 1954

There has been ablsolutely no progress in the development of the Maternal and Child Health Program in over a month now. It has been impossible to contact any responsible person in the Ministry to determine their plans for opening the Center. Dr Kutshutje, the Secretary General spends practically all of his time in Mecca. When he does come to Jidda he is unavailable for consultation on the program. Only the clerks have been on duty in the Ministry.

Mr Husseini, Liason Officer, has attempted to confer with the Ministry on the program, but has had no definite answers as to the Ministry's plans regarding the Center. One wonders if they are truly interested in the development of this program at this time.

USAOM has more than carried out its part of the Project Agreement It is now entirely up to the Ministry of Health as to when they will staff and open the Center. Some of the USAOM supplies are here and have been inventoried and are ready to be transported to the Center when it is ready to open.

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American Embassy - Jidda

May 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Dr. W. J. Edens, Chief,
Agricultural Division

FROM : George P. Gibbs, Specialist,
Soils and Agricultural Research

SUBJECT: Soil and Water Studies to be Conducted at Wadi Khulais, Hofuf, Qatif, and Dammam.

Water management

Wilting point should be determined in the field so that water requirement can be established. With this information, field plots should be set up with water measuring equipment and control measures so comparison of yields can be made with practices now in use and the most efficient use of water possible.

This would require accurate measurement of the head of water available, rate of penetration, ditch losses, and type of irrigation. From this information, length of run and area within border dykes could be established.

Soil fertility

In combination with water management, studies should be made using rotations and commercial fertilizer to maintain soil fertility. Methods of cultivation should be studied for effectiveness and efficiency.

Soil temperature

Soil temperatures should be studied in relation to health, yields of crops, rate of growth, and water requirement. Studies should be made of soil temperatures as affected by irrigation practices and shading.

To measure effectiveness of old and suggested new methods of soil and water management, it would be necessary to keep accurate records of length of growing season, root growth, quality, and quantity of fruit or grain, or stalks or both. This information should be correlated with soil textures, season of year, and insect, disease, variety, and other variables which can be easily identified. Measurements should also be correlated with quality of water where this may be considered a problem.

Hofuf Oasis

Studies within the Hofuf Oasis can be carried on similar to those in Wadi Khulais, except as follows:

Drainage

Drainage investigations should be made to determine the amount of flushing and leaching necessary to prevent salt accumulation in the soil. Revision of drainage and water distribution should be carefully planned to provide better communication with shorter transportation routes and the prevention of mosquito breeding swamps. While considering drainage improvement, fish for human consumption and fertilizer, and the production of shallow water plants to be used as green manure should be provided for.

Water requirements and available supply should be a valuable guide in determining if new land should be developed for irrigation.

Qatif and Dammam Oases

Within these oases, studies should be conducted as in the Hofuf Oasis except that any additional drainage should be given much careful thought with emphasis placed on control of water reaching the land. Before installing extensive drainage programs, pump down wells and perhaps canals should be installed between the cultivated gardens and the sea to determine what effect a lowering of the water table in the gardens may have on bringing undesirable sea water up under the gardens.

In these areas, position of plantings in relation to ridges, furrows, dykes, and basins should be studied for efficient land use as well as maximum production.

Any field program should meet the approval of all TCA staff members to be sure it fulfills needs such as providing food for human beings and livestock, and meets economic requirements of the farmer.

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American Embassy - Jidda

May 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Dr. W. J. Edens, Chief,
Agricultural Division

FROM : George P. Gibbs, Specialist
Soils and Agricultural Research

SUBJECT: Soil Management of Test Plot at Kilo 10

Drainage

Drainage ditch will be dug to improve underdrainage and permit leaching of salt where accumulated.

Soil fertility

Soil fertility will be improved by use of plant and animal residue as well as commercial fertilizer. Green manure crops will be raised on the area.

Irrigation

Irrigation water will be applied according to the needs of the plants. This will be found by determining the wilting point and never quite letting the surface foot of soil reach the wilting point.

Because of the low head of water and the open texture of the soil, water will be spread, as it has been in the past, to a small basin around each tree or green manure crop. Large amounts may be applied where leaching is desired.

Piezometers

Piezometers will be installed for purposes of watching the ground water level and sampling ground water for total salts.

Plants

Trees will be measured as follows:

Root length
Root depth
Tree height
Tree diameter
Rate of growth of each
Age of trees
Amount of fruit
Quality of fruit

Measuring results

Specimens will be taken for tissue tests at scattered intervals of time to determine the effect of leaching, deficiencies, and improvement in health.

Soils will be sampled for salt concentration and results of leaching.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

Date May 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Hussein, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Visa

Will you kindly arrange to secure visa(s) for a trip to Dhahran and return for:

Name	Passport No.
George Poore Gibbs	Special Passport # 43163
Ruby Esther Gibbs and children Glenda L. and Elaine C. (All)	Special Passport # 43162

The passport(s) do/~~do~~ not accompany this memorandum.

To secure medical attention.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 23, 1954

Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Husseini:

Will you kindly arrange for a visa in the name of Mr. Alfred Van Dyke, Highway Engineer, Point IV, so that he may proceed from Jidda to Riyadh and return for the purpose of discussing a highway program with Prince Talal.

Sincerely yours,

Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 23, 1954

Mr. Rex H. McAnelly
Box 1239, Aramco
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Rex:

This has reference to your letter of May 2. I was wondering when the Arabs would take over and it appears that they are doing it prematurely.

I recall our conversation relative to Point 4 work here in Saudi Arabia. Our program is getting off to a slow start. When the Department of Agriculture was a part of the Ministry of Finance, it was doing practically nothing. Since it has been elevated to a Ministry, the new Minister is cautious and, of course, he does not have a budget as yet. When some of the overall Government problems have been solved, I believe things will begin to pick up and work will get under way.

For the coming year my proposed budget (1954-55) calls for several new men - mostly for extension work. It is my opinion you would fit well into work plans we have discussed with the Minister, and I should be glad to see you continue here in Saudi Arabia. At the present we are waiting for project agreement signatures. That depends on when the Saudis get their budget allocations made. When this has been done I should be glad to communicate with you further concerning this matter.

Keep me informed relative to your situation, and I plan to get in touch with you when the above matters have been worked out. Best wishes to both of you.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 22, 1954

Mr. Orbun V. Powell, Director
Administrative Services Division
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Cable and Airgram Section

Dear Sir:

Due to the fact that our supply of AIRGRAM forms (FOA-51A) has become depleted and the new shipment has not been received, it was felt advisable to use an altered "Continuation" form rather than hold up these AIRGRAMs longer.

Sincerely yours,

Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 20, 1954

Mr. Frank Brookshier
Manager, Al Kharj Farms
Aramco - Box 1239
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Frank:

Your letter of March 22 concerning the chicks was received last week. Some weeks ago we gave up the idea of placing some chicks this year due to slowness of getting agreements worked out.

We do appreciate your willingness to let us have the 500. Another year should see more activity along this line.

How are things going with you? And how is McAteer coming along with the aluminum foil project? I am interested in knowing results. I am sorry we were not in a position to work with you.

Let me hear from you again. As time goes on it may be that we can work together on some common undertakings.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

WJEdens:o

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 20, 1954

Mr. Thomas E. Drumm, Jr.
Acting Chief, Industrial
Programs Division
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Drumm:

In the airgram USFOTO Circular N A-18, dated January 20, 1954, it was indicated that "a number of small factory plans, presenting simplified product designs, outlining general manufacturing methods, preliminary plant layout, and all costs for establishing the factory and manufacturing the products," were being prepared by FOA/W. A list of products covered is contained in paragraph 5 of the airgram.

Mr. Joseph P. Farrell, who has recently been added to the staff of this Mission as Investment Specialist, has been studying the circular and consulting with other members of the staff concerning its possibilities. While Mr. Farrell is still in the preliminary stages of his work, it is believed at this time that a large number of the plans mentioned would be of potential value to the general development of Saudi Arabia with respect to investment opportunities. The country, as you know, is generally underdeveloped from a small business standpoint and there exists almost limitless possibilities for diversified development. Accordingly, we are requesting that a complete set of small factory plans now available be sent to this Mission in order that we may sound out the Saudi Arabian Government and local industrial groups as to their possible interests.

Your cooperation and further advice will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

Date May 20, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Visa

Will you kindly arrange to secure visa(s) for a trip to Dhahran and return for:

Name	Passport No.
Willis Blackford Hazelton	Special Passport # 62687
Lois Lyon Hazelton	Special Passport # 16880

The passport(~~s~~) do/~~do~~ ~~XX XXX~~ accompany this memorandum.

To go for Dental Work.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

May 19, 1954
(date)

MEMORANDUM TO: Maj. Thomas Ragland
American Embassy
Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Request for Transportation on MATS on Space-Available Basis

It is requested that transportation to Dhahran (destination)

on MATS on a space-available basis be furnished Willis B. Hazleton & Lois L. Hazleton (name)

Program Officer and Dependent Wife (title), 54-56 (age), Male & Female (sex), 117-158½ (weight),

U.S. Passport No. Sp. 16880 Sp. 62687 (type & number),

The individual will be available for travel on or about May 24, 1954 (date).

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Encls- 4 copies of Travel Authorization
No. USOM 108.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

May, 17, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: All Staff Members

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Payment of Postage

This office has been informed that payment for postage for outgoing packages should be either in the form of U. S. currency or checks made out to Mrs. Norma Miller.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 17, 1954

Mr. Fred A. Barham
American Consulate
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Fred:

Your letter of May 2d came a few days ago and we are glad to know you are making progress. The fresh vegetables you mentioned are tempting enough to precipitate a trip to Hofuf, so don't be surprised to see me coming.

I am interested in getting the Hofuf project agreement signed before coming to those parts again. Something will have to give shortly, for time is running out. The delay does seem so unnecessary. However, many things important in government other than Point IV are up for consideration. The Minister of Agriculture has been in Riyadh for almost three months. As you know, Ramadan is on and the pilgrimage time will soon be here.

Mr. Taylor forwarded a cable yesterday authorizing the purchase of a refrigerator. I am sure you are in much need of it. Taylor informed me that he is going to Dhahran shortly to arrange more adequately for housing and for facilities to take care of vehicle needs. When things clear up a bit relative to agreements, I am going to push for a new pickup - the kind you want.

Enclosed you will find copy of an Airgram requesting data for a biographic register. There seems to be a hurry for this. As FOA/Washington sent only one form for each person, and this one form must be returned to Washington, please do not write on it other than the last line - signature and date. If you will sign the form - then give all information on another sheet and return it to me as soon as you can, I will have this information typed on the signed copy, having additional copies made at the same time.

I am sure it is very encouraging to see farmers begin to note any improved practice (water management) that you may suggest or point out. It will be interesting to know the results of irrigating every three to five days, instead of twice each day.

I forwarded a copy of another bulletin by Mr. Nixon to Mr. Hassuneh for any suggested change he might make. Please see that he gets this back to me as soon as convenient. Any comments by you will be appreciated. I sent the manuscript by Bohan Hussaini some three weeks ago.

Let us hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

P.S. Note check No. 3480 for $40.38
herewith enclosed.

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 16, 1954

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

In my letter to you dated May 10, I informed you of the meeting which I had on May 9 with His Excellency, the Minister of Finance, regarding the existing situation here relative to development project agreements which have been for sometime in the hands of the Council of Ministers for consideration and approval.

Night before last, the Minister called Sadek Husseini and Glen Brown to his office. He informed Sadek that he was to leave early the next morning for Riyadh to discuss our pending agreements with the Council. Sadek left the next morning. He informed Glen Brown that if we would have ready three copies, in both English and Arabic of the Aerial Magnetometer Survey Agreement (TA) the following morning, he would sign them. This was done but His Excellency had to leave for Mecca and has been there ever since. I feel certain that as soon as he returns, he will sign this project agreement.

When Glen informed me of his conversation with the Minister, I immediately sent you a cable asking for an immediate transfer of $100,000 from U.S. technician's costs to program, for the purpose of implementing this agreement. I appreciate your prompt reply authorizing such transfer.

You might be interested to know that this afternoon, I was contacted by the Embassy and informed that the Crown Prince had wired the foreign office to get in touch with me through the Embassy and request that I leave as soon as possible for Riyadh to discuss our pending agreements with His Royal Highness. I am leaving here tomorrow morning and will write you or cable you, as the case may be, when I return to inform you of developments of interest which took place there regarding our agreements.

Sincerely,

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Harland J. Corson, Director
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To go to Dhahran for medical attention.

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
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May 16, 1954
Date

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Hosseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Visa

Will you kindly arrange to secure visa(s) for a trip

to Dhahran and return for:

Name	Passport No.
Mrs. Martha Dolley	Special Passport # 71236

does
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The passport(s) do/do not accompany this memorandum.

To go to Dhahran for medical attention.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 15, 1954

H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz
Minister of Agriculture
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Your Highness:

This letter is to kindly remind you of my letter to you dated April 15, 1954, concerning the possibility of sending Mr. Abbas Ali Alrumaihi to the United States for training in Agricultural statistics.

The time is getting short for making the necessary arrangements to have a trainee go to the United States and be ready to start the course as scheduled. A hearing from you regarding this matter would be appreciated by both Mr. Alrumaihi and me.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate in all matters, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

WJEdens:o

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 15, 1954

Mr. Gus Goudarzi
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Gus:

Kindly proceed to Dhalm, thence to Mahad Dahab and vicinity, in order to assist Mr. Schaffner in his attempt to find new ore sources for the Mahad Dahab mill. Please make note as to the larger petrologic units and where you can, the general attitude of the beds. The work will be used to evaluate ore possibilities on aerial photographs, possibly without additional field work, at least until after the summer's heat.

Also, please tabulate weather and hydrologic records for which we have permission from Mr. Cameron, SAMS Manager. This should include temperature records, maximum and minimum, daily or monthly rainfall, pumpage of water and water level measurements; also any chemical analyses of the water supplies and possible maps of the location of the wells.

Very truly yours,

Glen F. Brown
Chief, Natural Resources Division

GFBrown:o

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 15, 1954

UNCLASSIFIED

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

Several weeks ago we were informed by FOA/W that agreements had been concluded between FOA/W and the following Tech agencies: Agriculture, Education, Public Health and Interior. To date we have received only a copy of the agreement with the Office of Education. Consequently, we should appreciate your sending us copies of the other three agreements above mentioned.

In addition to the foregoing, I should like to have word from you as to the status of present negotiations on an FOA/USGS contract. This will be important to us when and if we have our water development project agreement signed with SAG. As I have mentioned in previous correspondence with you, it is my thinking at the present time that it would be preferable to have two agreements with USGS -- one covering technicians and other personnel who might be employed to work exclusively under the water development project agreement, and the other covering Glen Brown, Roy Jackson, and other USGS personnel which we might have here, especially mineral geologists. Furthermore, mineral geology under a proposed aerial magnetic survey project agreement would be technical assistance and consequently US technicians' costs would not be included as part of our contribution in either cash or kind. On the other hand, US technicians' costs under the water development project agreement would be included in US contribution of cash or kind. Based on this distinction, it might be well to have the two agreements as suggested above. Your views in this connection will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

HJCorson:o

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda.

May 13, 1954

Sayed Sami Kutbi
Director General of the Ministry of Finance,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

Dear Sayed Sami:

On May 19, 1953 last year a message was conveyed to us from His Excellency the Deputy Minister of Finance to the effect that he would like for Mr. Hassan Daghastany, Director of the Chamber of Commerce of Mecca to be considered for a training grant to the United States under the conditions of the Point Four Cooperative Agreement with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The number of this letter was 4949/1 and dated April 14, 1953 and addressed to your Director of Liaison.

It has not been easy to arrange the special kind of training program to fit the requirements of Mr. Daghastany, and we regret the length of time that has elapsed since His Excellency's message was originally conveyed to us. However we are particularly happy to report that an excellent program has now been developed for Mr. Daghastany and one that he seems particularly pleased with. He has been scheduled for this program and his arrival time to get started in the training has been set. All clearances for his departure and entrance in the States have been made. The only remaining details are those that must be provided through the Saudi Arabian Government, which consists primarily of a ticket to care for Mr. Daghastany's international travel.

I am not familar with the procedure followed by the Ministry of Finance in handling details of this kind, but realizing the interest of His Excellency the Deputy Minister in this phase of our cooperative enterprise and the unusual length of time it has required to comply with his request I wanted to let you know that in so far as Point Four is concerned all arrangements for Mr. Daghastany training have been made.

With my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia.

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بعثة ادارة العمليات الاميركيـة
للبلاد العربية السعودية
جـــده

حضرة الفاضل السيد سامي كتبـــي ١٣ مايو ١٩٥٤
مديرعام وزارة الماليـــــة
جـده ، البلاد العربية السعودية

عزيزى السيد سامي :

لقد تسلمنا في ١٩ مايو ١٩٥٣ من السنة الماضية رسالة من صاحب السعادة وكيل وزارة المالية عن رغبته في اعتبار السيد حسن دغستاني مدير الغرفة التجارية بمكه لمنحـة تدريب الي الولايات المتحدة بموجب شروط اتفاقية النقطة الرابعة التعاونية مع المملكة العربيـة السعودية ، وقد كان رقم هذا الكتاب ٤٩٤٩/ ١ ومؤرخا في ١٤ ابريل ١٩٥٣ موجها الـــي مدير مكتب اتصالكـــم ٠

ولم يكن من السهل ترتيب النوع الخاص من برنامج التدريب الذى يلائم متطلبات السيد دغستاني وانا نأسف علي طول المدة التي مرت منذ تسلمنا في الاصل لرسالة صاحـب السعادة ٠ وعلي كل يسرنا بصفة خاصة ان نبلغكم ان برنامجا ممتازا قد عمل للسيد دغستانـي خاصة وانه يبدو مسرورا به ، وقد ادرج بهذا البرنامج كما ان موعد وصوله والبدء في التدريـب قد عيـن ٠ وقد عملت جميع التصاريح لسفره ولدخوله الي الولايات المتحدة والترتيبات المتبقية الآن هي فقط تلك التي تقدمها الحكومة العربية السعودية والتي تتكون مبدئيا من تذكرة السفر الدولي للسيد دغستاني ٠

واني لست علي علم بالاجراء المتبع من قبل وزارة المالية في التصرف بالتفصيلات التي من هذا النوع ، ولكننا اذ ندرك اهتمام سعادة وكيل الوزارة في هذا الدور من مشروعنا التعاوني وطول المدة الغير عادية التي تطلبت الاستجابة لطلبه رغبت في ان أعرفكم ان جميع الترتيبات التي يهم النقطة الرابعـة عملها لتدريب السيد دغستاني قد عملـت ٠

مع اطيب تحياتـــــي ،،،

مخلصكـــم

هارلاند جي ٠ كورســون
مدير بعثة العمليات الاميركيـــة
للبلاد العربيـــة السعوديـــة

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 12, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Payroll Status - Dorothy J. Haddock

In accordance with the authorization contained in USFOTO 345, Miss Haddock's pay should be charged to Program funds effective April 26, 1954.

TFTaylor:o

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 12, 1954

PERSONAL

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I am attaching for your information copy of a memorandum dated May 1, 1954, prepared by T. O. Parker, our Animal Husbandryman, addressed to Dr. Edens, Chief of our Agriculture Division, covering a conversation which Messrs. Parker and Barham, our Extension Specialist in Al Hasa Province, had with Mr. Guy Hamilton, Agricultural Consultant of Aramco.

Mr. Hamilton's comments regarding Point IV are quite interesting, although knowing him as I do, I do not attach much importance to his feelings about our objectives here. I could comment at length on Mr. Hamilton's remarks, and could easily prove the fallacy of his statements and the errors in his thinking. The significant part, however, is the fact that a consultant of Aramco feels as violently as he does against Point IV and the possibility of his voicing such opinions to people with whom he might come in contact.

I have not discussed this matter with any of the Aramco people here as I question the advisability of establishing an issue which might prove embarrassing and without point.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

no enclosure attached
to file

Enclosure -
Memo., as above

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 12, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Forwarding of Pay Checks of Miss Haddock

It is requested that any pay checks due Miss Haddock while she is on annual leave for five weeks commencing May 3, 1954, be forwarded to her at the following address:

Miss Dorothy J. Haddock
2108 20th St. No.
Arlington, Virginia.

TFTaylor:o

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 12, 1954

Mr. Yann Stroobant
Institut International
Des Sciences Administratives
205, Rue Belliard
Bruxelles, Belgique

Dear Mr. Stroobant:

Thank you for your letter of May 6, 1954, requesting an article on the progress of our mission in Saudi Arabia. It was thoughtful of Harvey Sherman to advise you of our presence here. We will be happy to comply with your request when our staff is further advanced in its work.

FOA Public Administration activity in Saudi Arabia has been recently reactivated since departure of a previous mission following completion of certain specific tasks in customs duties and currency stabilization. At the outset, the current staff, in addition to myself, will consist of specialists in customs procedures, business climate, statistics, and accounting. At present, Mr. William George, Statistical Specialist, is working with the Directorate General of Customs in the development of processes and procedures toward regular publication of a schedule of import-export statistics for the country. Mr. Joseph Farrell, Business Climate Specialist, has begun a study of Moslem law and existing regulations relating to the commercial environment toward preparation of a suggested law of corporations and others related thereto. Mr. John Bode, presently serving as Comptroller for the FOA Mission, will shortly be relieved of these responsibilities for service as Accounting Specialist. A position titled Customs Procedures Specialist is as yet unfilled. Following a period of study of the present governmental structure and its operation, my own initial task will be to prepare recommendations for a balanced program of Public Administration improvement.

You may be sure that we will keep you informed on further developments. We will also look forward to the information which you are sending us.

Sincerely yours,

LWSmith:mep

Lawrence W. Smith
Public Administration Advisor

cc: Harvey Sherman

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 12, 1954

Mr. George F. Schoschle
U.S.G.S. Foreign Geology
G.S.A. Bldg., Room 4215
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear George:

Under separate cover I am forwarding a number of samples from Dhalm and Mahad Dahab areas for fire assaying and analysis as indicated on the samples. These samples are for check assays and the results are needed urgently.

If these samples cannot be analyzed through the G.S. facilities immediately, please send them to a customs laboratory for quick results.

We assume that the cost of this work will be charged to the backstopping fund.

Sincerely yours,

Gus H. Goudarzi
Geologist, Natural Resources Division
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

GHGoudarzi:o

USA Operations Mission to
Saudi Arabia

11 May 1954

MEMORANDUM:

To: Mr H. J. Gorson, Director, USAOM

From: Jeannette E. Potter, Chief Nurse, USAOM

Subject: Maternal and Child Health Center

This is to advise you that I have been unable to contact Dr Kushutje, Secretary General of the Ministry of Health regarding the Maternal and Child Health Center since Dr Shuman left for Geneva on April 19, 1954. However from messages relayed through Mr Sadek Husseini it would appear that the Ministry has adopted the attitude that this is entirely the responsibility of USAOM. The statement has been repeated a number of times "When you have the Center set up the nurses will then be sent from Mecca and you can open the Center". This would infer that as Chief Nurse I will be entirely responsible for the Center.

This is completely contrary to the terms of the Project Agreement in which it states that the Center will operate under the Division of Preventive Medicine of the Ministry of Health and that they will assign a Physician to be administratively responsible for the operation of the Center and to render the needed medical service. Also they will assign nursing staff, servants etc needed and will be responsible for all operating costs.

My responsibility as Chief nurse is to aid in the development of the nursing program after the Center is opened by the Ministry and to see that the equipment and supplies that we have ordered is made available for use in the Center as it arrives from the United States. Professionally I cannot accept greater responsibility than this. To do so would place me in a wholly untenable situation and could easily jeopardize our entire program. Our lack of a Medical Director here in our own Public Health Division adds to the gravity of the situation.

I would like nothing better than to see the program develop, but it must be under the direction of the Ministry of Health.

When we agreed to pay the rent the Ministry agreed to supply certain furniture and equipment. To date this agreement has only been partially fulfilled by the Ministry.

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Maternal and Child Health Center

Will you kindly arrange an appointment for me with Dr. Kushutje, Secretary General of the Ministry of Health, as soon as possible.

HJCorson:o

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 11, 1954

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Hugh D. Farley
Director, US Operations Mission to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Hugh:

It was surely nice to receive your letter dated April 20 and I regret that I have not been able to answer it sooner, the delay having been due to the fact that I had to have a ruptured and gangrenous appendix cut out of me. Fortunately, I had a miraculous recovery and am now back on the job.

I am glad to know that the student riots were not against Point IV as was reported here. As you can well imagine, the effects can impress those who do not possess the true facts. It was also rumored here that Lebanon has been granted economic aid to the extent of $35,000,000 which compared with $3,350,000 economic aid granted to Saudi Arabia, did not create a very favorable feeling here. Naturally, as opportunities presented themselves, we combated erroneous talk but the fact remains that those not reached by us continued having the wrong impressions. As you probably know, one of the principle gripes of SAG is that they have given all kinds of aid and concessions to the U.S. and in turn, the U.S. grants them only small considerations.

As yet, we do not have our FY '54 Technical Assistance project agreements signed nor do we have our SEA over-all agreement signed. The Council of Ministers is still in session and now that the first section of the budget has been approved and signed by the King (Government Operations) the Council is now considering all economic and social development work under which both our TA and SEA projects will come. I reviewed our present situation yesterday with the Minister of Finance and he said that he would wire the King immediately asking that prompt decisions be made on both Point IV, TA, and SEA projects. He said that he hoped that he would have a reply from the King within two or three days, so it is hoped that we will know very shortly where we stand on both programs. I had prepared a rather pointed letter to send to the King on the situation, especially pointing out that if our TA and SEA funds are not obligated through the medium of signed project agreements by the end of our present fiscal year, all such unobligated funds will be returned to the U.S. Treasury, and could not be used subsequently.

I also pointed out the fact that it was hardly likely that our Congress would appropriate money for Saudi Arabia's development of projects for the fiscal year 1955 if funds made available for such projects during the fiscal year 1954 were not used. I have decided not to send the letter to the King until I know his reply to the Finance Minister's wire of last night. In the meantime, we are all sitting around here waiting for something constructive to do. This is certainly a land of frustration, although a very interesting one.

I am glad to know that your TA and, I hope, SEA projects are coming along all right. Several months ago, I discussed with FOA/W the possibility of SEA project agreements being considered as TA in the event SAG refuses to sign an over-all economic aid agreement. I also discussed this same matter with Norm Paul in Beirut. I am attaching a copy of USFOTO 275 dated February 27 from FOA/W giving me authorization to consider SEA project agreements as TA if the necessity arises. I am attaching a copy of USFOTO 275 for your information.

With respect to your inquiry as to whether or not we are including the program about making commodities available on a grant basis and setting up a special fund to cover local currency costs, both of these provisions have been eliminated for Saudi Arabia due to the fact that commodities on a grant basis are out of the question here. Also, there is no necessity for any special fund to be established for covering local currency costs since Saudi Arabia is a hard currency country. Furthermore, I did not wish to have contributions both by the U.S and by SAG determined on a currency basis, but instead wanted this to be left to our discretion in the case of each project. FOA/W finally compromised and agreed with us, but insisted that we include in our agreement that the host government contributions would at least cover local currency costs. We have most of our proposed project agreements, both for TA and SEA, drawn up on a Cooperative Service basis and hope that the respective Ministers will go along with us. You might be interested to know that in our Cooperative Service type of agreement, neither the Minister nor the Country Director act as co-directors of the Service but instead, the Minister appoints a managing co-director and the Country Director appoints an advisory co-director; likewise, the Minister appoints an administrator and the Country Director appoints a technical advisor to the administrator. In this way, we are relieved of all liabilities and yet have our "say" in the operations of each Service. I might also mention that, so far, none of the Ministries have raised any objections to all the fiscalization clauses which we included in our Cooperative Service agreements even though their contributions will probably average from three to four dollars to every dollar contributed by us.

I recently received a very nice letter from Tracy and was quite shocked to learn that Governor Stassen has relieved him of his duties as Country Director to Jordan. He did not mention any reasons and consequently, I am at a loss to understand his termination since I was highly impressed at the Istanbul conference by his thorough grasp of

Point IV operations, both in general and so far as Jordan is concerned. Do you know the reasons for Tracy's recall? Has a successor been appointed, and if so, who is he?

I think your idea of a periodic get-together of yourself, Henry, Tracy or his successor, the Admiral, and myself to discuss our respective problems and compare notes on operations is an excellent one. As you will note from the above, I am sitting here awaiting decisions from Riyadh and consequently, it would not be possible for me to leave here, but I am wondering if it would be possible for the others to come to Jidda. We have a guest apartment which will accommodate four and could take care of the others very well. This might be quite an appropriate time to discuss among ourselves relationships between USOMs and host governments. After you have had an opportunity to check on a meeting here with the others concerned, I would appreciate your letting me know if such a meeting is convenient for them and when they would be here.

I too, have heard that quite a bit of Saudi money is flowing into Lebanon and also into Egypt, most of which is being invested in real estate, mostly apartment houses, moving picture houses, and office buildings. I understand that most of this money is being invested by members of the Royal Family.

Kindest personal regards to you. I am looking forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 11, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I have recently sent to FOA/W several cables suggesting that, as a precautionary measure, the departure of newly recruited personnel, also the actual shipment of supplies and equipment, be held up for the time being and until we are in a position to know what action the Council of Ministers will take regarding our program/project agreements. If SAG does not see fit to accept our offer of Technical Assistance and Economic Aid or if they decide that they would prefer other programs or projects instead of some or all of those submitted, obviously personnel, supplies, and equipment requirements could vary or could even not be required.

In view of these possibilities, although not probabilities, I felt it prudent to avoid the incurrence of what might be unnecessary expense. It is hoped, however, that those cables will not cause a complete stoppage in both recruitment and fulfillment of our requisitions for supplies and equipment since all I suggested was that personnel not depart and supplies and equipment not be shipped.

I hope to be able to let you know very soon what the Council of Ministers decides to do regarding our program/projects. Of course, I think it very unwise to try to "sell them" our aid or try to coax them into accepting it. We have made our offers and it is now up to them to accept or reject it, in whole or in part. We are, however, pressing for a decision due to the short time remaining in our current fiscal year.

Sincerely,

HJC

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 10, 1954

Mr. E. N. Holmgreen
Director, Office of Food and Agriculture
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Holmgreen:

We should be glad to receive 25 to 50 copies of the publications entitled "4-H Club Work in the United States of America " and "Youth Can Help Increase Productivity".

We do not have rural youth organizations as yet, but it is believed that this information can be used to good advantage among agencies and adult farmers.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 10, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: Robert D. Dolley, Chief
Education Division

SUBJECT: Employment of Zamil Abdillah Mohanna

As you know, we have been on the lookout for capable English-speaking native Saudi Arabs to interpret, translate, investigate, and in other ways assist in the translation of our cooperative services here in Saudi Arabia.

Aside from Khomais, who is assigned to me by the Minister of Finance and who may be leaving my assignment at any time, I have not had any native assistance since June 30 of last year. Although a serious effort has been made to find a suitable person, I have not been able to do so.

During the past week Mohanna, who has been employed for a number of years at the Embassy, came in and applied to me for a job. I am attaching his application. I have known him for more than a year and know that he has capacity and ability. I would like very much to have him employed as an investigator, counselor, interpreter, and translator for the Education Division.

I trust that you may concur in this request.

Attachment

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 10, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: Robert D. Dolley, Chief
Education Division

SUBJECT: Authorization to assign publications to SAG officials.

I want to put the three volumes of American University, which I have just received, in the hands of proper SAG officials. However, in doing so, I do not want to be charged personally with the cost ($15.00) for these publications. May I have your authorization to assign them to the SAG?

RDDolley:mep

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 10, 1954

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

You will be interested to know of a meeting which I had yesterday afternoon with His Excellency, the Minister of Finance. J. Jefferson Jones III, Counselor of Embassy, and Mohammed Massoud, Arab Advisor for the Embassy, were also present.

The attention of the Minister was called to the following facts:

1. Prior to my arrival here a number of conversations were held between him, Mr. Dunaway and Mr. Jones relative to economic aid for Saudi Arabia.

2. As a result of such conversations, four projects were agreed upon as being the most appropriate under such aid; i.e., water development, Abha-Taif road, Abha dam, and improvement of the Port of Gizan.

3. As soon as official word was received here that both TA and SEA funds were available to this Mission, he was informed of this fact by Mr. Jones and me, and at that same time he stated, in response to a question I asked him, that he would sign the over-all Economic Aid Agreement and that His Excellency, the Acting Deputy Minister of Finance (Shaikh Abdul Aziz Sulaiman), would sign the project agreements thereunder.

4. I had presented to him a draft of agreement covering economic aid; he stated he had no comment to make regarding its contents and would present it to the Council of Ministers for consideration and approval.

Having reviewed the foregoing with His Excellency, the Minister, he was informed of the short time remaining in our fiscal year during which funds allotted for both TA and SEA programs had to be obligated by or under

signed agreements; otherwise such funds would be returned to the U.S. Treasury, thereby eliminating any possibility of their subsequent use. It was also pointed out to him that to get funds for either of the programs from our Congress for subsequent fiscal periods would be exceedingly difficult if funds appropriated for such programs during the present fiscal year are not used.

In view of these facts and the time required to negotiate agreements, the Minister's ideas were requested as to what could be done to expedite action on the part of the Council of Ministers with respect to proposed TA agreements which they have had for consideration and approval; also for the SEA over-all economic aid agreement, bearing in mind that after the latter agreement has been signed, the four respective project agreements still have to be negotiated and signed. The Minister stated that the Council was considering the over-all economic and social development picture and no doubt would be starting soon to consider individual projects thereunder. He stated that he understood thoroughly our concern as well as our position, that he would wire Riyadh (presumably the King, or at least the Crown Prince) on the matter, and would request an immediate reply as to what may be expected of the Council regarding disposition to be given to the TA project agreements, as well as the over-all economic aid agreement. He stated that he felt he would have a reply within two or three days and would contact us as soon as such reply is received.

In no instance did the Minister refer to such matters as over-all policy considerations, disagreements between the U.S. and Saudi Governments, or any unfavorable aspects of the existing situation. As a matter of fact, both Mr. Jones and I felt rather encouraged by the friendliness and cooperativeness displayed by His Excellency.

I had prepared a letter pointing out more or less the same facts which we gave the Minister, which letter, after having cleared the Embassy, I had planned on sending to either the King, as President of the Council of Ministers, or to Crown Prince Faisel, as Deputy President of the Council of Ministers.

In view of the fact that the Minister offered to contact Riyadh on the matter, I felt that I should not send my letter, but instead - await the reply from the Minister. Based on that reply, it can be decided whether or not a letter to the King or Crown Prince would be in order, and what the gist of such letter should be. In the event that it is considered advisable that a "strong" letter be sent, of course I shall cable the proposed text to FOA/W for approval before transmitting it. I shall keep you informed as to developments of interest in the situation here.

As a matter of interest to you, Bob Dolley just received a note this afternoon from Rajai Husseini, Advisor to Prince Talal, Minister of Communications, in which the question was raised as to whether part of the money

allocated for roads under Economic Aid could be used for Communications (presumably telephone). This could imply that project agreements are now being considered by the Council and in a favorable light. I told Bob to reply in a purely personal way that it was his feeling that such a shift in the use of those funds could be made, subject to the prior approval of the Director of the Mission and FOA/W.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 10, 1954

Mr. Charles A. Richards
Director, Office of Small Business
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Richards:

Mr. Farrell has received your letter of April 14, 1954, together with the accompanying enclosures.

He has discussed the matter with Mr. Lawrence W. Smith, Chief of the Public Administration Division, and brought the matter to my attention.

While Mr. Farrell's project is still in a preliminary, formative stage (he is at present studying such legislation and organization for investment as now exist in Saudi Arabia), it is believed that the Contact Clearing House Service may very well fit into the plan to be developed for the improvement of the climate for foreign investment in this country.

We are all very appreciative of your interest and desire to be of assistance. We shall report to you as developments are made relating to the Clearing House Service. We shall also avail ourselves of your offer of further assistance as the needs for it arise.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

JPFarrell:mep

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 9, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing herewith an original in both English and Arabic of Project Agreement No. 4, in Health and Sanitation. This agreement covers the establishment of a laboratory for the manufacture of vaccines. You will note that Prince Abdullah El Faisal, Minister of Health, signed this agreement on April 27, 1954.

We have made it clear to the Ministry of Health that as soon as they show us an executed lease on a building suitable for such a laboratory or a contract with a construction firm for a suitable building for this laboratory, we will place our order for the agreed upon equipment. We have also made it clear that such equipment will not be shipped from the United States until such time as the building has been completely readied, including the installation of utilities.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosures (2)

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 9, 1954

Mr. Ralph D. Lamie
1509 Van Buren Street,N. W.
Washington 12, D. C.

Dear Doc:

Your letters dated April 19 and April 25 arrived while I was in the hospital for an appendectomy.

I have not had an opportunity as yet to contact the Deputy Minister of Finance, Shaikh Abdullah Aziz Sulaiman, regarding this matter due to the fact that since I have been out of the hospital, he has been confined to his home with an attack of malaria. I understand that he reported to his office yesterday, and I will try to see him within the next few days to ascertain his reactions to your letter to him dated April 19. I know that the matter is still open and I doubt if any firm offers have been presented for restudying the project and rewriting the specifications. I think I told you previously that based on a re-evaluation of the supply of flare gas and sweet water which might be available over a period of time for this projected fertilizer plant, the maximum annual output has now been established at 200,000 tons instead of 400,000 tons, as was previously contemplated.

In your letter under reply, you ask for my ideas as to what would be a reasonable over-all fee for restudying the project and rewriting the specifications (in a form which could be used in calling for bids). I would say that such a fee could well be about $50,000 payable 50% in advance, and 50% on turning over to the Ministry the finished work.

It might be well for me to wait until after I have received further word from you regarding your latest contacts before I contact Shaikh Abdul Aziz. So please let me know when you have something concrete in mind.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

HJCorson:mep

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 8, 1954

Mr. Henry Wiens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Iraq
American Embassy
Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your letter dated April 12 which arrived while I was in the hospital for an appendectomy.

Instead of using the services of either Mr. Kelcey or Mr. McDonald, we have decided to call upon FOA/W for an engineer on a detail basis. We will review with him the several construction projects which are under consideration and if it is decided to go ahead with them when covering agreements are signed, such engineer can then do the necessary survey work and prepare specifications and invitations for bids covering the actual construction work.

During the last month, we reactivated our Public Administration Division with the arrival here of the chief, statistical specialist, and business law specialist. The fellow whom Washington had lined up as customs and tariff specialist turned the job down at the last minute, for reasons of which we are unaware. I am wondering what the possibility would be of your letting Bob Kennedy come down here for several weeks (before it gets too hot), to give the chief of our PA Division his evaluation of the tariffs and customs situation here, what should be done, and what would be the best way to go about accomplishing it. If it would not be convenient for you to let Kennedy come, please do not hesitate to say so as we realize that he has plenty to do there.

Believe it or not, we still do not have our TA project agreements for FY '54 signed as yet, nor do we have our economic aid agreement signed. The Council of Ministers have been in session in Riyadh for over two months and only last week they signed the first section of the budget (Government operations), after which the Council took a recess and have just recently reassembled. Since the second section of the budget pertains to development projects, it is expected that the Council is now studying our proposed project agreements and that we will shortly receive word as to the Council's wishes regarding such projects. This is certainly a land of frustration, especially when one can see so much to be done, have on hand what is necessary to do it, and yet find such lack of response to do it on the part of the host government.

How are you getting along with your projects? Do you have all of your FY '54 agreements signed and under implementation? I understand that Jordan still does not have either its TA or SEA agreements signed, also that Lebanon only recently got its TA agreement signed but still no action has been taken on its SEA agreement.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

HJCorson:mep

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 8, 1954

Mr. Robert H. Smith
Vice President
Aero Service Corporation
236 East Courtland Street
Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

Thanks very much for your kind letter of April 30. I have been back on the job for about a week although working from home. Today is my first day in the office. Everything went off wonderfully well and I feel exceptionally good. It was a close call while it lasted, as the surgeon told me I only had about three or four more hours to go after I reported to him.

When Washington informed you that "it is about the same" here, they were quite right. A week ago last Wednesday, the King signed the first section of the SAG budget. The Council then took a short recess and resumed sessions the early part of this week. Since development projects comprise the second section of the budget, it is to be presumed that they are now working on that section and we are hopeful that within a few days we will hear from the Council of Ministers as to what we can expect in the way of signing projects prior to the end of our fiscal year ending June 30. Shaikh Abdul Aziz Sulaiman wired his father who, of course, is in Riyadh, requesting information on the status of our agreements but to date, no reply has been received. I am sending an official letter today to the Crown Prince in his capacity as President of the Council of Ministers, pointing out our situation and the fact that unless funds which we have available for fiscal year 1954 budget are obligated by the end of next month, they will automatically be returned to the U.S. Treasury thereby eliminating any possibility of their subsequent use. In that letter I also asked him to let me know what steps can be taken by the Council of Ministers to expedite the execution of project agreements, both under technical assistance and economic aid. I hope to have a reply from the Crown Prince within the next four or five days.

Kindest personal regards, and I do hope that you will be here shortly.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

HJCorson:mep

FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
Washington 25, D.C.

FOA General Notice
May 7, 1954

SUBJECT: Need for Reduction of Cable Traffic

FOA CABLE TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN A THIRD.

During October-December, 1953, an average of 4170 messages totalling 399,000 words were sent and received each month. In March the volume had increased to 5945 messages and 540,000 words. Commercial cable charges paid by FOA/W increased from a monthly average of $6,900 during October-December, 1953, to $8,900 in March.

Urgent cables are being delayed because current traffic of FOA, USIA, and State exceeds the capacity of the State Department's telegraphic staff. This is also true overseas, particularly at small posts which have only minimum telegraphic facilities as well as small staffs. Unless the volume is reduced, it will be necessary for FOA to finance the employment of additional State Department personnel to process the increased traffic load.

While a maximum effort is desired, important FOA business should not be disrupted or delayed in order to effect the reduction -------communications which are essential and urgent should continue to be sent as cablegrams. The necessary reduction can be accomplished if we concentrate on eliminating the unintentional cable abuses. Drafting and clearance officers in FOA/W and the missions should review each communication and assure that good judgment is used in line with the following suggestions:

1. Substitute an airgram whenever time will permit------some posts have excellent pouch service and we should take full advantage of this, particularly over weekends and holidays to and from most of the posts in Europe and Latin America.

2. Send "Unclassified" whenever possible and thus reduce cable processing time and airgram transit time.

3. Delete all unnecessary words-------if necessary, re-phrase using the fewest words possible.

4. In the case of circular cables, mark "By Pouch" those addresses which have good pouch service or which do not require urgent delivery.

5. Lengthy communications on urgent problems should be summarized by cable and the full details sent by airgram.

6. "Priority" cables should be strictly limited and used only when a special degree of urgency is involved.

7. Since the normal practice is to answer a cable with another cable, cables requesting lengthy reports or detailed statistical data should, whenever possible, indicate that an airgram reply will be satisfactory.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 5, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

We have received a request for the U.S. "Trade-mark Act of 1946" which we would like to fulfill.

Your kindness in attempting to procure a copy for us will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

LWSmith:mep

cc: Mr. Husseini

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 5, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

We are sending this APO because we are so anxious to get clearance for these applicants by July 3. This will be our first time for sending trainees to AUB and we have strained everything to meet the deadline.

The letter from Adams of AUB, although sent April 7, did not reach us until April 23, and the cable saying that the course was approved from Beirut did not reach us until the 24th. Since then, we have been in high gear.

We would like to send six of our primary teachers to the special AUB seminar session, but the notices reached us so late that we can't possibly comply with routine requirements and get them to Beirut in time for the opening.

Please do what you can to get these six applications through for us. Our next pouch is a week off and it will take two weeks after that, so APO is our only means of making the deadline.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

RDDolley:mep

...ADMINISTRATION

REQUISITION

FOA/W

Supplies and Requirements Branch.

NUMBER 470-040701-55-4125R

APPROPRIATION 72-112/41019

ALLOTMENT 073-41-4C

PLEASE PURCHASE THE ITEMS LISTED AND SHIP TO:

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

AIRMAIL COPIES OF PURCHASE AND SHIPPING DOCUMENTS TO:

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
American Embassy, Jidda.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITIES / DESCRIPTIONS / SPECIFICATIONS (Commodity Groups only when attachments required)	ESTIMATED COST
1	Unit - 28 Inch diameter Permutit Q water Softener complete with Regeneration Unit and disc type meter as shown on enclosed drawing C-13800. Cost approx. $1,132 f.a.s. east coast U.S. ports. (See attached letter from Permutit company)	$ $1,132.00
	Necessary Zeolite material Zeo-Dur or Zeo-Karb. Not known whether Zeolite is included as intergral part of Permutit Q Water Softener.	300.00
	Water analysis as follows: Total hardness ——— 300 ppm Ca ——— 80 " Mg ——— 24 " Na (plus K) ——— 63 " HCO_3 ——— 229 " Cl ——— 146 " SO_4 ——— 40 " Tot. Dissolved Solids - 582 "	
	Rate of flow 16 gpm.	
	TOTAL	1432.00
	1.1/2% G.S.A.	21.48
	13.1% Ocean Freight	187.59
	GRAND TOTAL	1641.07

REQUESTED BY:

May 1, 1954 — Date

Director, USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia — Signature

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

May 1, 1954 — Date

Controller, USAOM/Saudi Arabia — Recording Office

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THE PERMUTIT COMPANY
330 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.
April 20, 1954

Health and Sanitation Division, USAOM
American Embassy, FOA
APO 616, Box 3, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Att: Mr. Rolf T. Skrinde,
Sanitary Engineer

Re: Water Softener for
Jidda Quarantine Station, Saudi Arabia
Your letter April 2, 1954

Gentlemen:

In reference to your letter of April 2, 1954, we have reviewed the analysis which definitely indicates that softening of this hard water is required.

We propose to furnish a 28" diam. Permutit Q softener complete with regeneration unit, and disc type meter as shown on the enclosed drawing G-13800. Regeneration is required every 11 hours of run, based on the water requirements given in your letter, namely, 16 gpm rate of flow and containing 19 grains per gallon of compensated hardness. The total kilograin capacity of the unit is 200 kilograins.

We shall furnish a 28" diam. Permutit Q unit, complete as shown, for a total price of $1,132.00 f.a.s. east coast - U. S. ports.

We do not issue any price lists because each water conditioning problem is of a highly technical nature and must be analyzed by us before we offer Permutit equipment. Actually, one may consider each job a "custom" job. However, if at any time you desire information concerning water treatment, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We trust that this information is complete and clear. We hope to hear from you further.

Very truly yours,

THE PERMUTIT COMPANY

V.A. Lucchesi,
Export Department

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 5, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Payment of Overtime to American Employee

This is to notify you that I have authorized Blanche L. Oakes to work overtime for the two-week period beginning April 25, 1954, at the rate prescribed for that purpose, the total overtime worked not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours.

cc: Miss Oakes

APPROVED BY:

John Bode, Controller

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 5, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

The Education Division is constantly receiving material developed in Iran, especially visual aids (films, literature, posters, etc.) that are in the Persian language. This language, as you know, is not Arabic and cannot be understood even though sometimes the characters can be read by Arabic-speaking people.

Although we are glad to be the recipients of any and all kinds of materials that may from time to time be developed anywhere, it has occurred to me that possibly our friends in Washington are not aware of the fact that the Persian language is less intelligible than English in Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely,

Willis B. Hazelton
Program Officer

WBHazelton:mep

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 4, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: Robert D. Dolley
Chief, Education Division

SUBJECT: Travel Advance to Sadek Husseini

Mr. Husseini advised me last week that he has not yet received the $100 due on his travel advance occasioned by his trip to the States last fall. I am wondering if this obligation has been disallowed or if it will be paid.

RDDolley:o

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 4, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Country Clearance for Mr. Cameron Bremseth

(this was secured Aug 27-53

We shall appreciate it if you will arrange for country clearance for Mr. Cameron Bremseth as Educationist (Business Education Vocational) in our Education Division.

Mr. Bremseth is 37 years old. He is a graduate of the following Colleges and Universities: B.A., State Teachers College, Mayville, North Dakota, 1941; M.A., Teachers College, Columbia University, 1946; Ed.D., Columbia, 1954

Mr. Bremseth's employment history is as follows: Sept. 1947 to date Chairman, Division of Business Education, Georgia Teachers College, Statesboro, Georgia; 1946-47 Head, Department of Business Administration, Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont; Feb. 1946 to Sept. 1946, Student, Teachers College, Columbia; 1942-45 Navigation Officer, U.S. Navy; 1941-42, Business Teacher, Township High School, Magnolia, Ill.

If country clearance is granted, we expect Mr. Bremseth the middle of May.

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 4, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Taggart:

Upon the request of our returned grantees, I am writing to thank you and members of your organization for the constructive and cooperative interest that has been exemplified by FOA/W in the handling of our Saudi trainees.

Though much might be said complimentary and otherwise about our grantees, the fact remains that they have acquired a sincere and honest appreciation for the American way of life and the integrity of our national purposes and policies. This attitude is a credit to the sincerity of purpose and friendship accorded our grantees by our Washington staff who have given honestly and generously of their time and effort in relieving the inevitable difficulties that arise with grantees from Saudi Arabia.

Particularly do I want to thank Mrs. Mitzi Settle for her interest and assistance given many times far above and beyond the call of duty. Without exception, all of our Saudis consider her assistance and friendship as one of the brightest assets of their experience in the States. Those who have returned cannot praise her more, and those still in the States who write usually mention her name with obvious esteem.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Dolley
Chief, Education Division

RDDolley:o

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

(Sent APO)

May 3, 1954

Mr. William C. Spurrier
Otis Building
810 - 18th St. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

We are contemplating bringing over here some livestock and feed for a livestock improvement farm under a project agreement with the Saudi Arabian Government. However, in trying to work up some cost figures, we seem to be unable to obtain from here any reliable information in this connection. The thought occurs to me that quite possibly you might have in your office data which will serve our purpose in preparing cost estimates and if so, I shall greatly appreciate your letting me have it at your earliest convenience.

The livestock which we propose to import here from the Southwest - shipment either from Galveston or New Orleans - will be the following:

	Estimated weight
60 Head of sheep	10,000 lbs.
24 Head of milk goats	3,600 lbs.
25 Head of dairy cattle	20,000 lbs.
1 Jack	800 lbs.

Feed to be imported at the same time would be -

Cotton seed hulls	300 tons
Cotton seed meal	29 "
Barley	34 "
Grain Sorghum	20 "
Oats	36 "
Wheat bran	25 "
Wheat middlings	10 "
Alfalfa leaf meal	4 "
Meat scraps	4 "
Dried buttermilk	2½ "
Minerals	5 "

Presumably the livestock would be shipped as deck cargo in built-in pens, whereas the feed would be hold cargo. In addition to some

estimate as to freight on this shipment, we should like to know what is customary with regard to the following:

1. Are the pens to be built on deck by the shipper or by the carrier?

2. What equipment will be needed to accompany the livestock? That is, are water troughs, feed boxes, reserve water tank, etc. to be furnished by the shipper or by the carrier?

3. What would be the cost of placing both the cattle and the feed on board steamer at either of the above-mentioned ports?

4. We should like the shipment to arrive here approximately mid-October. What schedules are there from either of these ports direct to Jidda; i.e., without transfer?

5. How long before departure of ship should the livestock be delivered to the dock?

6. Any other pertinent information which might occur to you in this connection.

7. Since this shipment would be made on Government bill of lading, is insurance taken care of by the Government or would it be handled by the forwarding agents for us?

We have written to several individuals in our Department of Agriculture in an endeavor to obtain the above information but have had no response whatsoever. Consequently, I am taking the liberty of writing to you in the hope that you will be able to assist us in this connection, with the idea, of course, that shipment would be handled by you.

With kindest personal regards to you and Jim, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Mailing address:

American Embassy (USOM/SA)
APO 616 (Box 3), c/o PM
New York, N.Y.

HJCorson:o

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

CONFIDENTIAL

May 3, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I refer to your letter dated April 12 which arrived while I was in the hospital.

As I have informed you in correspondence going forward by this mail, the King recently approved the first section of the budget which covers Government operations and it is to be presumed that the second section of the budget covering development projects will now be discussed and approved. All indications which we have had so far point to the fact that substantial reductions have already been made in the amounts requested by each of the Ministers. For instance, we understand that the Minister of Communications presented a budget of 120,000,000 Saudi Riyals, and the last we heard was that his budget limitation now stands at SR 50,000,000. We have also heard that the Ministry of Education presented a budget of SR 50,000,000, but to date we have heard of no cuts in his budget. We have been promised a copy of not only the second section of the budget, but also a copy of the entire budget shortly after it has been approved. Immediately this is received we shall send you a copy for your information and files.

We discussed with the respective Ministers the approximate amounts which should be included in their budgets to cover SAG contributions to the respective projects under Special Economic Aid in order that in the preparation of their budgets such amounts might be included. As I have already informed you in recent communications, all of our agreements are now of the obligating type which means, of course, that as soon as they are signed, the covering funds will be encumbered. Now the question remains is - will the Council of Ministers get around to discussing with us and approving the execution of the 17 proposed agreements prior to the end of next month? Of course, we have pointed out at every turn the urgency of this matter so that FY-54 program funds, as well as SEA funds, will not have to be returned to the Treasury due to their being unobligated before the end of the fiscal year. We have also pointed out to SAG officials that it is not to be expected that our Government would

be very happy about appropriating funds for FY-55 programs and projects when the Saudi Government did so little to avail itself of the FY-54 funding available for programs/projects. I was informed last night that Shaikh Abdullah Sulaiman (MinFin) expects to return to Jidda tomorrow and will remain here for a few days prior to returning to Riyadh. We have already asked for an appointment with him in order to review this whole situation and to obtain his valued views as to when we may expect action.

I have written you by this same mail regarding the matter of sending specifications for contracts to FOA/W at this time and will await your advice in this connection.

With respect to my having clearance from Washington on program/project agreements, this was given to all directors shortly after the Istanbul conference. In other words, directors are authorized to draw up their own agreements, execute them and then forward a copy on to Washington. I recently reviewed all communications with FOA/W for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the aforementioned authority covers SEA project agreements, as well as TA agreements, but could find nothing specific. Consequently, I cabled FOA/W asking whether SEA project agreements should be forwarded to Washington for approval prior to execution but to date have had no reply to that cable. Ambassador Wadsworth has informed me that in the event I do not receive a reply prior to the time when SAG is ready to sign such agreements, I should go ahead and sign them with his authorization. I hope that I will hear from Washington soon in response to my inquiry in this connection and that in view of the late date I may be authorized to handle SEA agreements the same as I am authorized to handle TA agreements.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
Jidda

May 3, 1954

Mr. Edward R. Pierce
Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Ted:

Enclosed please find Aero Service Corporation 's invoice #53743 for $481.60 for photographs and mosaics used in making a geological survey of the proposed Riyadh-Jidda railroad route. Mr. Fred Huber, International Engineering Corporation's, Washington representative, is to pay this bill and charge it against their account for the railroad survey job.

Dr. Brown states that Huber agreed to pay for this work when the matter was discussed in August-September 1953. The matter was recently talked over with Mr. Robert Smith, Vice President of the Aero Service Corp., when he was in Jidda. He took the original invoice with him to the U. S.

Please check with Huber as to whether or not the bill has been paid. If there are any difficulties, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Thelbert F. Taylor,
Executive Officer

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 3, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter of April 22 and for the attachments pertinent to FOA investment climate activity in Turkey, Egypt and Greece. The material submitted was of great interest to us, and I am sure it will be helpful to Joseph Farrell who is just getting started.

We note your thoughtful promise to be on the alert for similar data of the same character.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

LWSmith:mep

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

CONFIDENTIAL

May 3, 1954

Mr. Edward R. Pierce
Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pierce:

Mr. Corson has asked me to follow up his USFOTO 340 with this note.

We expect the Finance Minister to arrive in Jidda within the next few days, at which time we will present a project for aerial photography map compilation and possibly airborne magnetometer surveying. The magnetometer survey is useless to us without ground control and geologic mapping for interpretation of the anomalies. The proposal envisages a coverage on the order of 40,000 square miles of selected areas in the iron formation country east of the Gulf of Aqaba, in a region east of Mahad Dahab, and along the east edge of the pre-Cambrian shield, with special reference to the area just south of Hail and northeast of Bisha where we have reason to believe there are worthwhile mineral deposits.

As you may know, German geologists are quite active in this part of the world and they plan to send in several field parties this fall. We are hopeful that this project will show the King, Finance Minister, and the Council of Ministers that American geologists can do as good a job as any, and perhaps more expeditiously than most.

Flying weather is gone now, perhaps until July, but we are ready to continue the mineral surveying, depending on contractual arrangements between FOA/W and USGS. Mr. Corson has asked that $100,000 be transferred from technicians' costs to this project.

Aero Service Corporation has a geophysicist trained in evaluating, planning, and submitting cost estimates for airborne magnetometer surveying. If the contract agreement is made with the Finance Minister and photography starts in July, the geophysicist could be of some value say in August (before photographic plane leaves) but would be more valuable probably in September or October when we begin to learn something about the geology in the mineralized regions to be photographed. As soon as we have an agreement with SAG we will cable you and you can then make an arrangement with Aero Service if you wish.

Very truly yours,

GFBrown:o

Glen F. Brown
Chief, Natural Resources Division

cc: W.D.Johnston, Jr.
USGS

Translation May 2, 1954

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Ministry of Agriculture
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

No. 510
23/8/1373 (April 26, 1954)

Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director, U.S.A.O.M.
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

With reference to your letter of April 12, 1954, enclosed with the Liaison Office's letter No. 147/2/13 of 16/8/73 (April 19, 1954) regarding the insect control unit which you pointed out that your mission is ready to bring to the Kingdom for work, we would like to inform you that this subject is under consideration and we will advise you of the result in due course.

/S/ Sultan

Minister of Agriculture

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 2, 1954

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

For your information, I am attaching copy of the memorandum which I handed Ambassador Wadsworth prior to his departure for Riyadh where he is having discussions with the King on political matters of which I know you are aware.

Ambassador Wadsworth stated that he hoped to be able to discuss our situation with the King and as a result of such discussions, the Council of Ministers would give early action to the project agreements which it has for consideration and approval.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure -
Ltr to Ambassador
dtd April 27, 1954

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 2, 1954

PERSONAL

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

After having had a "close call," I am glad to report that I am back on the job again, feeling better than ever. I certainly had a miraculous recovery.

Without any forewarning I started having abdominal pains somewhat like cramps late Thursday afternoon of last week. After suffering with them all that night and the next morning, I decided to check with a doctor. He immediately pronounced it acute appendicitis "and maybe other complications." Without losing any time he rushed me to the hospital here, where I was given a knockout shot and wheeled into the operating room. It was found that the appendix, instead of being in the normal position, was embedded in the intestines in the middle of the abdomen, had ruptured in two places, and about half of it was gangrenous. To make matters worse, peritonitis had set in. After an hour and a half on the table, I was rolled out into a room that was like a sweatbox and about ten hours later I came out of the anaesthesia feeling quite uncomfortable but without any of the usual after effects; i.e., gas pains, nausea and headaches. The next day I felt very good and was allowed out of bed several times. The third day I dictated my letter to you of the 26th and was ready for work but on doctor's orders, all I could do was be quiet and receive visitors. Everybody was so nice to me and I certainly did appreciate it.

I came home from the hospital yesterday feeling like a million dollars and am working from home for a few days before going back to the office.

The surgeon told me yesterday that had I delayed three or four more hours before reporting to the hospital, I would probably be playing dominoes with St.Peter by this time, so all is well that ends well.

In line with your telegraphic instruction, Thel Taylor will get a complete medical report and will forward it to the Medical Officer.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 2, 1954

Director of Preventive Medicine
Ministry of Health
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Sir:

On April 25, 1954, I asked Mr. Shawwa to prepare himself to go to Wadi Khulais the following day, April 26th, because we had a lot of work to do there. However, he informed me that he was going on vacation to Syria and it was necessary for him to prepare his papers. As soon as I returned to Jidda from Khulais on Thursday, April 29th, at 7:00 P.M., I stopped by his home to see if he had made arrangements for his vacation and to tell him that we would all return to Khulais on Saturday, May 1st. Mr. Shawwa informed me that he could not go because it was necessary for him to follow his papers through for his vacation. The other personnel left for Khulais on Saturday; however, I remained in Jidda to arrange for a meeting with Dr. Awad concerning details on the equipment for the new vaccine laboratory project. I passed by Mr. Shawwa's home early this morning, May 2d, on my way to Khulais to have him request Mr. Mohamed Subahi to sign for those items from the Ministry of Health Stores for which he is responsible and for which he had signed. I was informed by Mr. Shawwa's brother that he had left for Mecca to find out about his vacation.

I would appreciate being officially informed of the time required by Mr. Shawwa to be absent from work while obtaining his vacation permission and papers, the date on which he is leaving if such vacation is approved, and the date that he will return to work following his vacation. This information is needed in order that I may arrange my schedule of work in Khulais.

Very truly yours,

J. Miles Butler
Division of Public Health

JMButler:o

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 1, 1954

Mr. J. G. Hamilton
Agricultural Consultant
Aramco
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Guy:

Enclosed herewith please note the preliminary draft of a proposed bulletin on date culture by Mr. Nixon. Roy is anxious for several to read the manuscript and make comments, notations, and suggestions.

When requesting Roy to write this bulletin, it was from the viewpoint of having an elementary treatise on date culture in Saudi Arabia that could be printed in Arabic and used by date farmers, and in training programs. Therefore, if you will read it and let me have your comments and suggestions, it will be appreciated. This is being requested of several others. When all comments are in, I shall forward the same to Roy for any changes he may wish to make in the manuscript.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens, Chief
Agriculture Division

Enclosure

WJEdens:mep

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 1, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Chief
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: Robert D. Dolley, Chief
Education Division

SUBJECT: Monthly report for April

Aside from the processing of four training grant applications, numerous conferences on educational matters and communications with FOA/W on trainees, and summer training conferences; the month's activities have been one of keeping abreast of developments in the Council of Ministers meeting in Riyadh and trying to anticipate the signing of project agreements.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

Monthly Program Summary - April 1954

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 30, 1954

MONTHLY PROGRAM SUMMARY - APRIL 1954

SECTION I. CRITIQUE

During the month under review there was very little activity project-wise due to the fact that the Ministers are still at Riyadh participating in the Council of Ministers' meeting. We were able, however, to get one project approved; i.e., immunization program and vaccine laboratory. The King returned from Karachi almost a week ago and has approved the first section of the budget; i.e., government operations. It is expected that the second section of the budget - development projects - will be discussed and approved next.

At our request on May 1st Shaikh Abdul Aziz Sulaiman, Acting Deputy Minister of Finance, telegraphed his father, the Minister of Finance, at Riyadh, explaining at length the necessity of early action on the development project agreements, as well as the over-all economic aid agreement, pointing out that only two months remain of our fiscal year during which all such agreements must be negotiated and signed if the Saudi Government wishes to avail itself of the funds allotted by our Government for such purposes. In that telegram Shaikh Abdul Aziz requested that the Minister of Finance in his reply state when action by the Council may be expected on such agreements. To date, no reply has been received.

Immediately the over-all economic aid agreement has been executed, the project agreements thereunder will be presented to the Council for its consideration and approval.

Although Ramadan begins May 5th and continues for one month, we are informed that during that period the Council will continue to hold sessions. Since all of our project agreements are of the obligating type, we hope that, with full cooperation from the respective Ministers, all of such agreements will be signed before June 30 next. The Director handed Ambassador Wadsworth a detailed memorandum on our present situation in order that the points treated therein might be used in his current discussions with the King and it is hoped that as a result of such discussions, early action on development projects will be forthcoming.

During the month our Public Administration Division again became operative and the members thereof are already actively engaged in getting their work under way, beginning in the Ministry of Finance. The cooperation furnished our technicians by that Ministry is wholehearted and it is expected that before too long some positive results will be in evidence.

SECTION II. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. Progress

Agriculture

Project agreements for 1954 have not been signed by the Minister of Agriculture. This is expected to take place at any time since the Council of Ministers is now in session. Activity by personnel of the Division continues to be exploratory, and assistance to farmers in Wadis Khulais and Fatima, as well as at Hofuf.

Mr. Gibbs completed his visit to the Asir-Tihama area where he made a study pertaining to soils, crops, livestock, available water and food supplies. Time was spent with Dr. Alvin D. Ayers, Soil Scientist, U.S. Salinity Laboratory, Riverside, California.

Mr. Parker accompanied Mr. Barham to Hofuf where an intensive study of livestock conditions was made. There was much more livestock in this oasis than was expected. Mr. Leo F. McAteer, representative of Reynolds Metals Company, was contacted to learn what success he was having with the aluminum foil experiment at Al Kharj.

Mr. Rountree has continued work with farmers in Wadis Khulais and Fatima. Corn side-dressed with 16-20-0 fertilizer is responding very well, and one farmer, at Mr. Rountree's suggestion, has begun spreading organic matter over a portion of his crop land. Alfalfa plots top dressed with 16-20-0 have shown outstanding response. The estimate was that growth was three times that of growth on untreated plots. Fertilized vegetables showed definite response, but not as pronounced as on alfalfa.

Health and Sanitation

The Ministry of Health has approved in principle the over-all work plan for health program in Wadi Khulais and Dr. Shuman has requested that we continue with the work there. They have not as yet determined within the Ministry of Health just how they will handle it financially, but have continued to furnish SAG personnel and equipment needed for the work in Khulais.

Dr. Shuman left for Geneva on April 19. However, in a long conference with him we agreed on a plan of action to be followed until his return from abroad sometime in June.

There has been considerable activity at the Quarantine Station during the past month, although very little has been accomplished specifically. No work has been done on the disinfection building other than the one day's work done while Mr. Skrinde was on the field trip to Gizan.

The Sanitary Engineer has held a number of conferences with the GOVENCO engineers and they planned together all the details of installation of the autoclaves, boilers, fans and storage tanks when they arrive from the United States. Notice has been received that the boilers will arrive in Jidda about April 30, 1954, but no word has been received on the rest of the equipment.

Numerous conferences have been held with Dr. Shuman at the Ministry of Health during the month in an effort to speed up the preparations for the opening of the Maternal and Child Health Center.

There seems to be little chance of having electric power or water at the Center at this time. The water company will connect their lines after they have installed larger main line pipes. The electric company does not have enough electricity at this time, nor do they have transformers as yet. Dr. Shuman has made arrangements with the Ministry water truck to deliver water to the Center and the owner of the building has installed an electric pump and run a line across the street from his own generator to operate it for the time being. The Ministry has supplied primus stoves and Coleman lanterns. While this is not ideal, the Center could function with these facilities for the time being. However, since Dr. Shuman has left the country to attend meetings in Geneva, it has been impossible to reach anyone in the Ministry to move the program along.

Dr. Shuman requested on April 11th that the nurse-midwives be sent over from Mecca. To date they have not arrived. The doctor from Egypt is still awaiting her visa, but is ready to come to Jidda as soon as she receives it.

Dr. Kushutje seems to have some doubts that the Center can operate with the present facilities but has not been available for conferences.

Education

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Natural Resources

Reconnaissance mapping of geology and geography continued during the month. Work was continued on gold-bearing quarts veins found northeast

of Bisha, on old workings in the vicinity of Khurma, and in the mountains between Ohama and Wadi Ahsaba within the Quinfida-Lith block. Of immediate interest in this region was the discovery of a possible roadway from Lith to the Qizan basin near the foot of the Asir scarp. This region, which is mostly unexplored, is densely populated with numerous villages and large areas of cultivation. Wadis Hali, Haish, Gashar, Jabola, Ghat, and Yiba were found to be perennial streams for many kilometers along their upper courses. A lead-bearing vein system in marble and an outcrop of copper-bearing sulphides were found during the reconnaissance.

The field work on the laterite beds in the Sirat of the Asir was completed during the month and a small iron deposit was examined on top of Jebel Suda, west of Abha. Samples of the laterite were crushed and split; fractions were sent to Washington for analysis. A map based on aerial photographs and showing the laterite beds was nearly complete at the end of the month.

Public Administration

During the report period the Public Administration Division was reactivated with the arrival of the following personnel:

Lawrence W. Smith, Chief of Division
William C. George, Statistical Specialist
Joseph P. Farrell, Business Law Specialist
Mary E. Parrish, Secretary

John Bode, Budget and Finance Officer of the Mission, is to be transferred to the Public Administration staff as Accounting Specialist. Although SAG has not as yet initiated action for the establishment of a new Comptroller General agency, the recruitment of a man to perform Mr. Bode's present functions for the Mission justifies the most rapid action. Mr. Bode would be of great value now in connection with the work which is going forward with the Ministry of Finance.

The news that Kenneth Linden has refused assignment here as Customs Procedures Specialist was most depressing. SAG has been looking forward with considerable anticipation to this assistance and liaison work during the current month has appeared to establish us exceedingly well with the Directorate of Customs. It is hoped that another man will be recruited for this vacancy as well qualified as Linden.

Smith and George were introduced to Ambassador Wadsworth on April 1 by the Director. Although presentations to principal officials of SAG were delayed because of the meeting of the Council of Ministers at Riyadh, the Director was able to arrange sufficient contacts to permit the Division Chief to start work at the Ministry of Finance and the Statistics Specialist at the Directorate of Customs.

In this respect, the SAG officials who have been particularly helpful are H.E. Shaikh Abdul Aziz Sulaiman, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance; Sayed Sami Kutbi, Assistant to Abdul Aziz, and Shaikh Mohammed Nour Raheini, Director General of Customs. Additional time was employed during the period by both Smith and George in acquaintance with and study of a number of potential sources of information and assistance such as the Ministry of Communications (Rajai Hussaini, Secretary General of the Ministry), Aramco, Monetary Agency, British Consulate, American Embassy and the Jidda Chamber of Commerce.

The Division Chief has been provided an office in the Jidda office of the Ministry of Finance and is presently engaged in an orientation study of all operations. Principal activities of the Jidda office are the Department of Mines and Companies and the Department of Project Development. Following this study, a trip will be made to Dammam, where the other major field office is located. It was explained that this office has responsibility for all operations over the East Coast. The principal and largest office of the Ministry is located in Mecca and data concerning its present structure and operation will, of necessity, require construction by conference rather than visit. The objectives of the present work is to provide the technician with an orientation of SAG operations; the Ministry of Finance with an organizational and functional chart of current operations, and the Ministry of Finance with specific recommendations for improvement of operations. When this work is completed, SAG understands that the Division Chief will be available for another assignment.

During conversations with a number of officials, it was indicated, although unofficially, that SAG may request assistance in the establishment of the new Ministry of Commerce, preparation of a modern records management program, and advice and assistance upon certain problems of the Ministry of Interior. In all probability the greatest interest will center at the outset on files and records problems. The subject is accepted as a vital one by all the Ministries. Washington has been requested to forward data which may prove helpful in this regard.

The Chief of the Division accompanied Joseph Farrell for presentation to H.E. Shaikh Abdul Aziz Sulaiman on April 27. Although Farrell's specific program is not yet perfected, it is understood that he will be assigned to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Mines and Companies.

b. Local Participation

Health and Sanitation

At the request of the Ministry of Health, WHO has purchased equipment for the hospitals at the Quarantine Station and approximately 75 packing cases of this equipment have been delivered to the Station.

SAG has made a total allocation of 2,850,000 Saudi Riyals to the Quarantine Station for this equipment and to date approximately 2,300,000 SR have been spent by the Ministry of Health.

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A salt water well has been drilled at the Station, to be used for flushing sewers and possibly for showers. It is not very brackish at the present time but will probably become more so as more water is pumped. The well pumps at least 300 GPM.

No arrangements have been completed to have the Quarantine Station supplied with electric power.

c. Training

Education

Four training grant applications have been prepared this month.

SECTION III. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Health and Sanitation

A number of conferences have been held with the Ministry of Health on the proposed immunization project. A draft of a cooperative agreement has been prepared and forwarded to the Ministry of Health for their comments and suggestions. In substance, this draft contained the proposals set forth in a letter from Mr. Corson to the Minister dated February 6, 1954.

Transportation and Communications

Mr. Sinclair, Division Chief, conferred with a representative of Philips Industries, Holland, regarding a radio communication system for Saudi Arabia.

Two discussions were held with a representative of International Automatic Electric Corporation, Chicago, regarding an automatic telephone system for Riyadh, Mecca and Medina.

SECTION IV. AGREEMENTS AND REQUESTS

a. Agreements Executed

Health and Sanitation

On April 27, 1954, the Minister of Health and USAOM/SA signed the Vaccine Laboratory and Immunization Project which calls for expenditure of $85,000 in U.S. funds and an estimated $170,000 in host country contributions.

b. Agreements under Current Negotiation

Education

This month's activities have for the most part been devoted to keeping abreast of developments in the Council of Ministers meeting in Riyadh and trying to anticipate the signing of project agreements.

Transportation and Communications

Mr. Sinclair has drawn up agreements covering improvements to Gizan Harbor, construction of the Abha Dam and the engineering on five main roads.

SECTION V. PROGRAM INFORMATION

d. Informational Pamphlets

Agriculture Division

"Grazing Administration - 700 A.D." is the title of a release reproduced this month by the Agriculture Division. It is a report on grazing conservation measures introduced by the Arabs, including water spreading techniques as practiced over 1200 years ago. The article is a translation from the Arabic of Mas'udi, celebrated Tenth Century historian. Grazing controls were instituted and penalties and rewards decreed which are not dissimilar to present practices.

SECTION VI. W.H.O. TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM

Health and Sanitation

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SECTION VII. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

a. Local

Agriculture Division

The Division was visited by a Range Management and Water Spreading team consisting of three specialists from the States. Much of their planned assistance was nullified by having their travel restricted while in Saudi Arabia.

b. Adequacy of Service FOA/W

Agriculture

Mr. Schwan spent the first of the month preparing for the visit by the Range Management and Water Spreading team from the States. This team consisted of Dr. Ralf Aamodt, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Floyd Larson, Chief, Branch of Soil & Moisture Control, Bureau of Land Management. Dr. Ayers collaborated. Due to delay of translation and transmittal of letter by the Chief of Division to the Minister of Agriculture at Riyadh, the local official in charge of the Ministry office requested that the travel of our visiting team be delayed until he could communicate with the Minister. A few short trips were made to points in the vicinity of Jidda, but the main field trip was made impossible due to delay in hearing from the Minister. Approval was finally received from His Highness, but the team had made plans to go on to Iraq and Jordan in order to better utilize its time.

It should be stated that the Chief of the Agriculture Division was not notified of the visit of the above Range Management and Water Spreading team until about one week before its arrival. The Mission should have been notified at least one month earlier so that adequate time would have been available for clearing matters with the Ministry.

Mr. Robert B. Thrailkill, Assistant Director of the Regional Locust Control program, visited the Mission for the purpose of offering to the Ministry for a limited time its facilities and technicians in supplying a demonstrational control unit for various crop insects in the Al Kharj and Riyadh areas.

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

April 25, 1954

TO: Mr Harland J. Corson, Director, USAOM

FROM: Jeannette E. Potter, Chief Nurse, Div. Health & Sanitation, USAOM

Subject: Monthly Report, Div. Health and Sanitation, USAOM, April 1954.

Malaria Control.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: J. Miles Butler, Malariologist
Health and Sanitation Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - April 1954

In a conference with Dr. Shuman, I was informed that the Ministry approves, in principle, the over-all plan of work in Health for Wadi Khulais; however, there is some question within their own Ministry as to how it will be financially handled. I have been asked by Dr. Shuman to carry on with the work in Khulais until they can reach an internal agreement and officially approve the work plan and its expenditures.

Dr. Shuman has continued to furnish S.A.G. personnel and equipment assigned to the work in Khulais

A number of conferences have been held with Dr. Shuman this month on the proposed immunization project. The program officer, Mr. Hazelton, has prepared a draft (aggreement for a cooperative immunization project) which has been approved by Mr. Corson, translated into Arabic and forwarded to the S.A.G. Ministry of Health for their consideration and suggestions. In substance, this draft contained the proposals set forth in a letter to the Minister, dated February 6, 1954, from Mr. Corson.

Dr. Shuman left for Geneva on April 19th; however, I had a long conference with him on April 18th, at which time we agreed on a plan of action to be followed until his tenative return sometime in June. The USAOM/SA Division of Health and Sanitation will continue to contact the S.A.G. Ministry of Health through Dr. Kushutje.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
APRIL 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Miss Jeannette E. Potter, Chief Nurse
Division of Health and Sanitation, USAOM

FROM: Rolf T. Skrinde, Sanitary Engineer
Division of Health and Sanitation, USAOM

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, March, 1954 through April 22, 1954

There has been considerable activity at the Quarantine Station during the past month, although very little has been accomplished on the Quarantine Station Agreement Project specifically.

It may be recalled from the report of March, 1954, that there was an urgent appeal for my return from Gizan by plane to direct construction work at the Quarantine Station. I have been in Jidda approximately one month now since the Gizan journey, and to date there has been not one single item of work done on the Disinfection Building other than about one day's work done while I was away. A number of contacts have been made with the GOVENCO engineers, however, and we have planned together all the details of the installation of the autoclaves, boilers, fans, and storage tanks. They are therefore fully informed as to the nature of the work to be done on the Disinfection Building.

Daily visits to Dr. Hashem's office and repeated prodding have not resulted in any apparent rush on his part to see that the Station is prepared for the coming Haj.

Dr. Sadek, the WHO Quarantine Advisor, seems to have a very complete picture of the situation at the Quarantine Station, and in his opinion it is impossible to have the Station in operation for the coming Haj. The month of fasting begins on May 2, and it is understood that work slows down considerably during this time. This will not affect the Disinfection Building, since it is impossible to slow down from a standstill.

Notification has been received that the boilers will arrive in Jidda on approximately April 30, 1954. A cable to Washington in the first part of April requesting shipping dates of the remainder of the equipment has not been answered.

In spite of the lack of progress on the Disinfection Building, there have been encouraging signs of work in other parts of the Quarantine Station. Dr. Ali T. Shousha Pasha, Eastern Meciterranean Regional Director of WHO, visited with the Ministry of Health in Jidda, Mecca, and Riyadh during the first part of April. It may be recalled

that a year ago SAG allocated two million riyals to purchase Quarantine Station equipment. Not long ago he added another $50,000 riyals to this amount, and announced that the Station must be ready this year. With the advice of Dr. Shousha, the Ministry of Health has now spent approximately 2,300,000 riyals from this total allocation.

Approximatley seventy five packing cases of hospital equipment have been delivered to the Quarantine Station. They have not as yet been unpacked.

SAG has ordered Sh. Osman Ba Osman of the Jidda Water Department to construct a water pipeline from the water main at the King's Palace to the Quarantine Station. The construction of this line is now in progress. The original request for a four-inch line was submitted by both an Egyptian hydraulics engineer and myself in previous reports to the Ministry of Health. It is now rumored that the line will be six inches in diameter, which would of course be much more desirable.

It was decided to drill a salt water well at the Station for the purposes of flushing the sewers and perhaps serving as shower water. This has been completed, and the well pumps at least 300 GPM, which was the capacity of the pump used for test. The water is not extremely brackish at the present time, but the salt content will probably increase with constant pumping.

The Quarantine Station is still without electric power, and GOVENCO has not been instructed to proceed with the building of a power station. The present status of the power situation is rather complex. SAG has confiscated two electric generators which were purchased for the Coca Cola plant. Their combined capacity totals 272 KW. GOVENCO engineers estimate that the requirements will be approximately 1,000 KW, however, and therefore the return of these plants to their owners is being considered. Meanwhile, several Jidda merchants are bidding for the contract to supply two 500-KW generators. No decisions have been reached as yet, but the alternatives appear to be (1) return the two generators to Coca Cola and wait for the larger plants to be shipped from Germany requiring two to three months at least, or (2) install the two small plants now and add the other two later.

Dr. Shousha has advised SAG not to build a bakery at the Station, as originally planned. The bread will be purchased instead in Jidda from existing bakeries.

No reply has been received from the Permutit Co. concerning water softeners. Dr. Sadek asked that we refrain from ordering softeners until a WHO engineer arrives, who will be concerned with the laundry building and equipment in general.

Arrangements have been made with the Ministry of Health for me to proceed to Dhahran to consult with Aramco on water softening and other engineering problems relating to the Disinfection Building equipment at the earliest convenient time.

April 22, 1954

TO: Mr H. J. Corson, Director, USAOM

FROM: Jeannette E. Potter, Chief Nurse, Div. Health & Sanitation, USAOM

Subject: Monthly Report Maternal & Child Health Program, April 1954

Numerous conferences have been held with Dr Shuman during the month in an effort to speed up progress in preparing the Maternal and Child Health Center for opening. By March 31, 1954 it was agreed that the rent on the building should be paid since the owner had completed most of the minor additions that were requested. Therefore the necessary paper work was completed and the rent was paid by USAOM on April 17, 1954 for one year, effective from the date the Contract was signed, which was March 4, 1954.

The Jidda Electric Company still has no transformers so cannot connect the house to the main city current at this time. Therefore the Owner has installed an electric pump and has run a line from his own personal generator to run the water pump. He has been most cooperative in helping to get the building ready. To be sure we have had to remind him a number of times.

There is still the problem of personnel. On April 11, 1954 a request was made to Dr Shuman to have the nurses sent over from Mecca. At that time it was thought that they would be here in 2 - 3 days. They have not arrived yet. The Doctor from Egypt has signed her contract and is ready to come to Jidda, but is awaiting her visa which has not been granted as yet. As soon as she receives it she will come to Jidda.

We are still awaiting some of the supplies that the Ministry is to bring from Mecca. These are a must before the Center can be gotten ready for operation. Equipment at best will be rather sketchy until the order from the States arrives late in the summer.

On April 15the the Center was visited in company of Dr Shuman and Dr Kushutje, Secretary General of the Ministry of Health, as he will be in charge while Dr Shuman is out of the Country. Dr Shuman left for Geneva on April 19th and I have been unable to contact Dr Kushutje since that time. Therefore things seem to be at a standstill until he can be reached. He has now gone to Mecca for several days and Yussef the Interpreter for the Health Division will try to contact him in Mecca for me.

The few USAOM supplies that have arrived for the Center are still in Customs. Every effort will be made to get the Center into operation, using the limited supplies available. This will depend upon the Ministry of Health.

Dr Shousha, WHO Regional Director and Dr Nassif, WHO Public Health Adv isor to Saudi Arabia visited the office during the month. Dr Shousha informed us that he has ordered the Medical supplies and equipment for the Quarantine station hospitals and laboratories and that much of it is already in the country. This was done at the request of the Saudi Government.

Dr Shousha also stated that they had originally planned to start a Maternal and Child Health Program but that since we are begining this program that they have dropped their plans. He also advised us that WHO does plan to begin a Tuberculosis Control Program and a Training Program for Male Nurses for Saudi Arabia soon.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 29, 1954

Mr. Fred Barham
American Consulate
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Fred:

Your April report was received. I am glad you and Mr. Parker had the opportunity to visit and study problems together.

I am concerned about your living quarters being improved. Mr. Taylor stated this morning that he would forward authorization to you to purchase a refrigerator (kerosene). Further steps can be taken when a project agreement has been signed.

No definite information is known here when the Council of Ministers will adjourn, and when project agreements will be signed. It seems a matter of standing by until the Ministry takes action. When the project agreement for Hofuf is signed, Mr. Taylor will come over and complete all arrangements for living quarters and fixtures.

Enclosed you will find allowance check No. 3408 in the amount of $40.38. From this time on I shall drop the checks in an envelope addressed to you at the Consulate.

Don't wait for monthly reports. Write at any time, and give my regards to the Consulate staff.

Sincerely,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 29, 1954

Mr. Sadek Husseini
Director, Liaison Office for
Technical Assistance
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Husseini:

I have just received a letter from Mr. A. A. Mominah under date of April 19th, one of our business administration trainees in the United States, advising that he is progressing with his training program in a very satisfactory manner. Mr. Mominah inclosed two recent reports which he turned in to those authorities handling his training program, which reflected considerable credit on his activities.

I shall appreciate your advising those who may be interested in Mr. Mominah's progress of these facts.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Dolley
Chief
Education Division

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
Training Activity Authorization

Saudi Arabia 126-54

To: Department of the Interior

Bureau of Land Management

NR	BLM
Activity	Agency Symbol

You are requested to perform the training activity described herein:

TAA No.	Intended Recipient	Field of Training	Type	Mos.	Budget: Country Director	Budget: Action Agency	Budget: Total
470-4	Sadek HUSSEINI	Water spreading	A	4	$1350	$1950	$3300

Special Instructions: TCA/Jidda will pay international travel and $100 advance maintenance; BLM will pay travel in the United States and allowances in accordance with the provisions of the training program.

Financing: Funds sufficient to pay costs authorized have been obligated by TCA allotment account C401470, appropriation symbol 72-112/41019 10). The budget as estimated above may be entered on the books of the action agency as an anticipated reimbursement. The action agency will report to TCA for all expenditures made pursuant to this document, citing the account number.

INITIATED BY: /s/ Edward R. Pierce

ISSUED BY: (signature illegible)
ACTING REGIONAL ASST. ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED BY: /s/ C H Knox
FOR THE CONTROLLER

DATE: 9/16/53

DATE: 9/17/53

A TRUE COPY OF THE SIGNED ORIGINAL

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 29, 1954

Mr. Sadek Husseini
Director, Liaison Office for
Technical Assistance
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Husseini:

I shall appreciate very much your advising the proper authorities of the Saudi Arabian Government that I have received a letter from Mr. Salim Hijaila, one of the aircraft mechanics trainees whom we recently sent to the United States.

He advises me that after one week of orientation they have all been placed in training and that they are currently with Sperry Gyroscope Company in Long Island, New York. He further states that the training they are getting is very apropos and efficient, and that otherwise they are highly pleased with their situation.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Dolley
Chief
Education Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April ~~28~~ 25, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: Glen F. Brown, Chief
Natural Resources Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - April 1954

Reconnaissance mapping of geology and geography continued during the month. Work was continued on gold-bearing quartz veins found northeast of Bisha, on old workings in the vicinity of Khurma, and in the mountains between Ghama and Wadi Ahsaba within the Quinfida-Lith block. Of immediate interest in this region was the discovery of a possible roadway from Lith to the Qizan basin near the foot of the Asir scarp. This region, which is mostly unexplored, is densely populated with numerous villages and large areas of cultivation. Wadis Hali, Raish, Gashar, Jabola, Ghat, and Yiba were found to be perennial streams for many kilometers along their upper courses. A lead-bearing vein system in marble and an outcrop of copper-bearing sulphides were found during the reconnaissance.

The field work on the laterite beds in the Sirat of the Asir was completed during the month and a small iron deposit was examined on top of Jebel Suda, west of Abha. Samples of the laterite were crushed and split; fractions were sent to Washington for analysis. A map based on aerial photographs and showing the laterite beds was nearly complete at the end of the month.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 28, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Robert S. Lindquist,
Administrative Officer,
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor,
Executive Officer.

SUBJECT: Lease of "Beit Al Bassam" for Country Director.

The subject lease is about to be signed.

In accordance with directions contained in USFOTO 321 of April 3d, it is incumbent upon you to establish limitations on the operating costs of the premises pursuant to item FSM(III)755.1. As we require these ceilings for our report to FOA/W on the estimated annual cost of utilities and other recurring charges requested in said cable from Washington, your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

For your information, Beit Al Bassam is located behind the residence of the French Ambassador in the Baghdadiyah area, near Medina Road.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 28, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: Lawrence W. Smith, Chief
Public Administration Division

SUBJECT: Monthly report - April 1954

PERSONNEL

During the cited report period, the Public Administration Division was reactivated with the arrival of the following personnel:

William C. George, Statistical specialist	March 20
Lawrence W. Smith, Chief of division	March 29
Mary E. Parrish, Secretary	April 20
Joseph P. Farrell, Business law specialist	April 23

At the outset, the Country Director and other personnel of the Mission provided every assistance to the new arrivals officially, and with respect to living arrangements. John Bode, Budget and Finance Officer of the Mission, was transferred to the Public Administration staff as Accounting Specialist. Although SAG has not as yet initiated action for the establishment of a new Comptroller General agency, the recruitment of a man to perform Mr. Bode's present functions for the Mission justifies the most rapid action. Specifically, Mr. Bode would be of great value now in connection with the work which is going forward with the Ministry of Finance.

The news that Kenneth Linden has refused assignment here as Customs Procedures Specialist was most depressing. SAG has been looking forward with considerable anticipation to this assistance and liaison work during the current month has appeared to establish us exceedingly well with the Directorate of Customs. It is hoped that another man will be recruited for this vacancy as well qualified as Linden. Since such action is presently indefinite, I would like to suggest that arrangements be made for a short visit from Bob Kennedy. It is believed that the visit would well justify its cost in assistance to Mr. George and myself.

OFFICIAL INTRODUCTIONS

Smith and George were introduced to Ambassador Wadsworth on April 1 by Country Director Corson. Although presentations to principal officials of SAG were delayed because of the meeting of the Council of Ministers at Riyadh, the Country Director was able to arrange sufficient contacts to permit the Chief of Division to start work at the Ministry of Finance and the Statistics Specialist at the Directorate of Customs.

In this respect, the SAG officials who have been particularly helpful are H.E. Abdul Aziz Abdulla Suleiman, assistant Deputy Minister of Finance; Say'd Sami Kuthi, assistant to Abdul Aziz; and Shaikh Mohammed Nour Ruheimi, Director General of Customs. Additional time was employed during the period by both Smith and George in acquaintance with, and study of, a number of potential sources of information and assistance such as the Ministry of Communications (Rajai Bey Husseini, Secretary General of the Ministry), Aramco, Monetary Agency, British Consulate, American Embassy (key officials), Jidda Chamber of Commerce, etc.

ACTIVITIES OF CHIEF OF DIVISION

The Division Chief has been provided an office in the Jidda office of the Ministry of Finance and is presently engaged in an orientation study of all operations. Principal activities of the Jidda office are the Department of Mines and Companies and the Department of Project Development. Following this study, a trip will be made to Dammam, where the other major field office is located. It was explained that this office has responsibility for all operations over the East Coast. The principal and largest office of the Ministry is located in Mecca and data concerning its present structure and operation will, of necessity, require construction by conference rather than visit. The objectives of the present work is to provide:

1. The technician with an orientation of SAG operations.

2. The Ministry of Finance with an organizational and functional chart of current operations.

3. The Ministry of Finance with specific recommendations for improvement of operations.

When this work is completed, SAG understands that I will be available for another assignment. During conversations with a number of officials, it was indicated, although unofficially, that SAG may request assistance in the establishment of the new Ministry of Commerce, preparation of a modern records management program, advice and assistance upon certain problems of the Ministry of Interior. In all probability, the greatest interest will center, at the outset, on files and records problems. The subject is accepted as a vital one by all the Ministries. Washington has been requested to forward data which may prove helpful in this regard.

ACTIVITIES OF STATISTICS SPECIALIST

It was not until a few days ago that William George was officially clear to make a start with the Directorate of Customs. He will be provided with an office in the near future and the operation appears very receptive to his assistance. The plan of action in the field of foreign trade statistics calls first for a survey of procedures currently being followed in the collection, compilation, and publication of the statistics and an evaluation of the procedures and the statistics produced. Fortunately, the National Customs operation and the Hejaz Customs have recently been located at the same place which should make a great deal of the work easier. Mr. George has met and discussed his project with the following officials:

National Customs

Mohammed Nour Ruheimi - - - Director General
Othman Nazer - - - - - - - - Assistant Director General
Zaki Omar - - - - - - - - - - Inspector General
Yussein De Lamie- - - - - - - Verification and Statistics
Sayed Hashen - - - - - - - - Accounting

Hejaz Customs

Ali Dufaa - - - - - - - - - - - Assistant Director General
Mohammed Lary - - - - - - - - Verification and Statistics
Mohammed Noori - - - - - - - Assistant, Verification and Statistics
Ahmed Abdul Fatah - - - - - - Accounting

In several of his discussions, George indicated that the following two specific problems were invariably repeated; meeting the deadline for annual statistics, and commodity classification. Omar Zaki, son of Shaikh Zaki Omar, has been provided to assist the Division and thus far has proved himself very useful. Later on, Mr. George may be provided with a counterpart. If so, it seems at this time that he may be permitted to assist in the selection after he has become acquainted with the personnel in other parts of SAG as well as in Customs.

Although Mr. George's immediate target is to assist in establishing regular and valid statistics on imports and exports, it seems well indicated that consideration eventually should be given to a balanced statistical program for the Country. Rajai Bey Husseini (now in the Ministry of Communications, formerly in the Ministry of Economic Affairs) advises that there is a tentative plan for a central statistical office in SAG.

ARRIVAL OF BUSINESS LAW SPECIALIST

The Chief of the Division accompanied Joseph Farrell for presentation to H.E. Abdul Aziz on April 27. Although Farrell's specific program is not yet perfected, it is understood that he will be assigned to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Mines and Companies.

DAILY LOG

There is attached to this report the Division's Daily Log of activity. This record will be continued and, in some detail, will present the more important events of each day's work of divisional personnel. It is intended to supplement the monthly report for the further information of the Country Director, and makes unnecessary the rendering of separate monthly reports by Divisional staff members. When the Country Director has completed his review of this report, it is requested that the attached Daily Log for April be returned to the Public Administration Division for file.

SPECIAL NOTE

The continued assistance and substantial guidance of Dr. Robert D. Dolley in the reactivation of this operation justifies mention here and an expression of sincere appreciation.

Attachment

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PROJECT AGREEMENT #3
FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH LIBRARY - JIDDA
UNDER
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM
IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND DISEASE CONTROL
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Pursuant to the Agreement for a Technical Cooperation Program in Public Health and Disease Control signed on December 15, 1952, by duly designated representatives of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United States of America, this project agreement is entered into between the Minister of Health (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister") and the Director of the United States of America Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia (hereinafter referred to as the "Director").

ARTICLE I. PROBLEM AND OBJECTIVES

(1) One of the essential requirements of a developing country is a competent corps of physicians and technicians in the medical field. It is proposed to increase professional skills in medicine by providing basic texts and periodicals for a library where they will be available to practicing physicians and technicians in this field.

(2) The objective of this project is to establish a library and reading room where essential books and professional health journals will be provided, thereby serving to increase the standards of the medical profession in Saudi Arabia.

ARTICLE II. PLAN OF OPERATION

In the execution of this project the following plan of operation will be followed:

(1) The Ministry of Health will provide and maintain a suitable library and reading room in the Ministry of Health building, where the health books and periodicals will be made available to the medical profession and technicians, whether or not they are employees of the Ministry.

(2) The Ministry of Health will provide proper supervision over the library.

(3) The United States of America Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia will supply suitable health books and library furniture at a cost not to exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000.)

(4) The above expenditure is exclusive of any technical advice provided by the USAOM, in the choice of books and furniture.

ARTICLE III. PROJECT FINANCING

The two Governments shall make the following contributions to this project:

(1) The Ministry of Health shall contribute:

(a) A room in the Ministry of Health to serve as a public health library and reading room.

(b) Such periodicals as the Ministry of Health desires.

(c) Proper maintenance and supervision of the library.

(2) The U.S.A. Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia will provide:

(a) Public health books and library furniture at a cost not to exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000).

(b) Technical assistance as required in choice of books and periodicals, exclusive of the cost of such books and periodicals.

ARTICLE IV. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

This agreement shall be referred to as the "Public Health Library Agreement". It shall enter into force on the date that it is signed and shall remain in force for two years, or until one month after either party shall have given notice in writing to terminate it, whichever is earlier; and shall be subject to the availability of funds of both parties for the purpose of the Project.

This Project Agreement is prepared in triplicate and signed at the Ministry of Health on _____.

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Director United States of America Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia	Minister of Health Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 27, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: Edward F. Sinclair

SUBJECT: Monthly report - April

Still waiting on advice of results of the meeting now being held at Riyadh by the Council of Ministers as to Agreements for this Division.

Held two discussions with Fuad A. Zahed, Chief Engineer, Ministry of Communications, regarding plans for work as and when Agreements were signed.

Discussion with representative of Philips' Industries, Holland, regarding radio communication system for Saudi Arabia.

Drew up Agreements covering improvements to Gizan Harbor, construction of Abha Dam and the construction of five main highways.

Two discussions with representative of International Automatic Electric Corp., Chicago, regarding automatic telephone for Riyadh, Mecca, and Medina.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 27, 1954

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I should like to give you herewith a resume of our activities, both past and present, in Saudi Arabia. For your ready reference, I am attaching copies of my letters to you dated January 4 and January 8 in this connection.

On December 11, 1953, we received budget approval and covering allotment of funds for our FY-54 technical assistance activities totaling $1,462,000. Several weeks later we received an additional allotment of funds under Special Economic Aid totaling $3,350,000, likewise for FY-54 projects. We immediately proceeded to prepare project agreements under the Technical Assistance budget. These were presented to the respective Ministries as they were completed, for their consideration and approval. With the exception of the Maternal and Child Health Center project agreement and the Vaccine Laboratory agreement, both in reality of last year's vintage, all of the other project agreements are still in the hands of the respective Ministries unsigned and most of them not even discussed with us. Of course, we know that agreements must be approved by the Council of Ministers prior to their execution but it would seem that the respective Ministries would want to discuss with us project agreements which we submitted to them for consideration, prior to their presenting them to the Council of Ministers for approval.

During the past few weeks I have been informed on several occasions by Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director of Liaison, that I will be called to Riyadh to discuss and execute pending project agreements, but I am still waiting for such a call and have no idea as to when I will receive it. As you know, funds unobligated at the close of each fiscal year are returned to Treasury. Now at the end of April, we still have only a very small part of our authorized technical assistance funds obligated and none of our special economic aid funds. At least since my arrival here October last, this Mission has made every effort to be of assistance to the Saudi Arabian Government Ministries, but such efforts have been accepted only with mediocrity. We have stood ready and still stand ready to do everything in our power to help the Saudi Arabian Government

The Honorable George Wadsworth,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

improve its administration, to prepare and implement economic development projects and, in general, to help the Saudi Government in any way we can to relieve its "growing pains." It is quite apparent that this Mission for one reason or another has never been given the chance to show what it can do for the Saudi Government and the Saudi people. We have highly qualified and outstanding specialists here waiting for something to do. All of them came here ready, willing and able to assist in work involving their respective fields of activity. Not having been given this chance and after waiting around for months, it is quite natural that they feel very discouraged and yet, in spite of such discouragement, they are still anxious to do what they can in the job for which they were assigned here.

In addition to the technical assistance project agreements presumably under consideration by the Council of Ministers, that entity also has for consideration the over-all Economic Aid Agreement. For some time we have had project agreements under that over-all agreement ready for presentation to the respective Ministries through the Council of Ministers for their consideration and approval after the over-all agreement has been executed. Here again we are completely stymied.

As you know, all agreements require discussion, writing and rewriting before final execution. There are eleven agreements in Riyadh awaiting approval by the Council of Ministers, including the over-all Special Economic Aid agreement. In addition to these, we have four special economic aid project agreements ready to present for consideration and approval after the over-all agreement has been signed. We are still awaiting an opportunity to discuss with the Minister of Education a school planning project; also with the Minister of Finance an aerial magnetic survey, both of which we know are of interest to these respective Ministers. After we have obtained their views regarding these projects, we can then prepare immediately project agreements for submission to the Council of Ministers for approval during the present session.

I should like to remind you, too, that we have prepared organization charts, accompanied by individual job descriptions, for the Ministries of Communications, Education and Agriculture, and have offered to do likewise for the Ministry of Commerce. For the Ministry of Agriculture we prepared a detailed five-year plan. Our newly created Public Administration Division is getting underway in the Ministry of Finance.

It is really a pity that so much time and opportunity is being lost, all against the best interests of the Saudi Arabian Government and the Saudi people. It is sincerely hoped that arrangements will be made soon whereby our FY-54 technical assistance and special economic aid projects can get under way, and that a recurrence of present delays will be avoided in the future. We have much to offer, but little has been accepted.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

~~TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION~~

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

Jidda

January 4, 1954

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

In order that you may have some idea as to the extent of our present operations in Saudi Arabia, the following information will be helpful to you.

1. The activities of USAOM for the FY-54 period comprise technical assistance programs and economic aid projects. U.S. funds for the above programs total $1,462,000, and for the above projects $3,350,000. Although SAG contributions have not been agreed upon as yet, it is expected that they will be from two to three times greater than U.S. contributions.

2. Technical assistance programs comprise the following fields of activity:

Agriculture
Natural Resources
Education
Health and Sanitation
Public Administration
Transportation and Communications

Economic aid projects comprise the following fields of activity:

Water development
Roads
Abha Irrigation Dam, and
Improvement of the Port of Gizan.

3. Our FY-54 budget was approved the latter part of November last, but the allocation of funds was not made until about the 10th of December last. We are now awaiting the final text from Washington of the diplomatic notes to be exchanged with SAG setting up the FY-54 technical assistance and economic aid programs/projects; also the agreement form to be used for the economic aid projects. After this exchange of diplomatic notes has been completed and the economic aid agreement has been executed, there will be another exchange of diplomatic notes - prescribed in the TCA Manual dated September 1, 1953 - establishing the cooperative service type of agreement. After this latter exchange of diplomatic notes has been completed, then we will immediately negotiate program agreements under technical assistance and project agreements under economic aid.

Ambassador George Wadsworth,
United States Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

I will be glad to go into detail regarding any of our activities at any time with you.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

~~TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION~~

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

Jidda

January 8, 1954

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

The following information will give you a brief resume of the U.S. technical assistance activities in Saudi Arabia up to the present.

According to information available here, technical assistance was first requested of the U.S. Government by the Saudi Arabian Government in 1949, when the Saudi Arabian Government requested assistance in developing and carrying out a water development program. Dr. Glen Brown was assigned to this job and work was started early in 1950, under Public Law 403, under a grant from the State Department. $55,000 was made available to Dr. Brown and his assistant, Roy Jackson, to cover aerial photography in the Asir-Tihama area involving about 20,000 square miles. Field work was started in the Fall of 1950, but was interrupted frequently by urgent calls from the King and/or Minister of Finance to develop water supply for Riyadh and other centers of population. Two years later the field work in the Asir-Tihama area was finally completed and exploratory drilling was started by Bechtel, SAG contractors. $650,000 of equipment was purchased by the Saudi Arabian Government and the cost of drilling crews and expenses was borne by the Saudi Arabian Government, plus cost of furnished housing for Dr. Brown, Mr. Jackson and their families.

On January 17, 1951, the U.S. Government and the Saudi Arabian Government executed an agreement whereby the former would provide technical assistance to the latter for the purpose of developing the economic resources and productive capacities of Saudi Arabia. The first two requests made by the Saudi Arabian Government for assistance under that agreement were in the fields of water development and public finance, including currencies, tariffs and customs. Mr. Arthur Young was sent here in February 1952 from the United States to study the public finance situation and as a result of such study he proceeded to set up what is now known as the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency. This job was completed and Mr. Young returned to the United States in October 1952. Mr. Robert Kennedy was sent here from the United States in August 1951 to study and revise tariffs. His activities culminated in a new Tariff Law becoming effective on December 3, 1952.

Mr. George Wadsworth,
United States Ambassador,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

In February 1952, Dr. Samuel Stratton was appointed the first Country Director of this Mission, remaining in that post until December of the same year, when his appointment expired. During his administration program agreements in the respective fields of activity were executed, as well as the agreements covering the Riyadh-Jidda Railway Survey and the Community Development. Although negotiations were carried on in other fields of activity, there were only four project agreements executed during the FY-53 period under the above program agreements -- (1) Aerial Survey, involving a U.S. expenditure of $115,000; (2) Railway Survey, involving a U.S. expenditure of about $300,000; (3) Quarantine Station, involving a U.S. expenditure of $100,000 ($50,000 of which was to carry over into FY-54), and (4) the Community Development, involving a U.S. expenditure of $500,000. In addition to the above expenditures, there was the cost of U.S. Technicians on each project. The Saudi Arabian Government contributions for the above projects comprised -- (1) Quarters, subsistence and supplies for crews, as well as gasoline, oil and oxygen; (2) equivalent of $27,000 for gasoline, oil and other supplies, housing and subsistence in Jidda for project manager and technicians, aircraft and crews for aerial reconnaissance; (3) about $10,000 in modification of existing buildings, installation of electric generator and cost of installation of U.S. equipment, and (4) $500,000 in kind and cash.

During the past year and a half 24 training grants have been issued, averaging about $4,000 each, the Saudi Arabian Government contributing about the same amount.

Mr. John Dunaway arrived here in October 1951, to study and make recommendations on Customs administration. Many recommendations were made for improvement in procedure and administration of Customs but to date only a few have been made effective in spite of Mr. Dunaway's efforts, until October 1953, when he returned to the United States.

During the FY-53 period, little was accomplished in the Education and Agriculture fields, due to the adverse attitude on the part of the Saudi Arabian Government towards outside assistance in educational work and lack of any sort of agricultural organization within the Saudi Arabian Government.

During FY-54 the following projects have been or are being drawn up:

Agriculture	1) Livestock Improvement Farm near Jidda	($42,300);
	2) Demonstration drainage and experimental station at either Qatif or Hofuf	($38,000);
	3) Three demonstration range management plots	($12,300).
Education	1) Dammam Industrial Training School	($75,000);
	2) Jidda Commercial School	($58,300);
	3) Elementary School planning	($ 9,000).

Health and Sanitation	1) Quarantine Station at Jidda	($50,000);
	2) Maternal & Child Health Center at Jidda	($ 7,500);
	3) Medical Library at Jidda	($ 2,000);
	4) Immunization Program and Vaccine Laboratory at Taif	($85,000).
Natural Resources	1) Establishment of Meteorological and Stream Gauging Station	($ 6,000);
	2) Mineral Geological Survey of Western Areas	($70,000).
Transportation and Communications	1) Installation of VOR equipment at Jidda	($75,000).

Although there are no specific projects under Public Administration, assistance in the fields of accounting, budgets, public administration, statistics and investment climate will be afforded provided FOA/W recruits requested personnel soon.

As of this date, the status of our FY-54 projects is as follows:

Actually executed -	Maternal & Child Health Center. Quarantine Station.
Signature expected any time -	Jidda Commercial School. Dammam Industrial Training School.
Ready to be presented for signature -	Livestock Improvement Farm. Medical Library. Installation of VOR at Jidda.
To be finished for presentation for signature	Demonstration Drainage and Experimental Station. Demonstration Range Management. Immunization Program and Vaccine Laboratory.
Yet to be discussed with the Saudi Arabian Government -	Elementary School Planning. Establishment of Meteorological and Stream Gauging Station. Mineral Geological Survey.

We expect to have all agreements executed within sixty days after the exchange of diplomatic notes is completed.

Sincerely yours,

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 26, 1954

Mr. Joseph Olenick
Vice Consul
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Joe:

I am attaching a receipt for head tax which I had to pay in order to return to Saudi Arabia on the occasion of my recent trip to Beirut and Cairo.

I discussed this matter with Bakur and he has advised me that the procedure to be followed is to request reimbursement for this expenditure through you. He further stated that there is a definite procedure followed and that you are familiar with this procedure and would set the matter in motion for me upon receipt of this request.

If this information is not correct, your further advice in this matter will be very much appreciated. In the meantime, if there is anything that can be done to secure reimbursement as soon as possible, I should greatly appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Dolley
Chief
Education Division

Encl - Receipt dated March 14, 1954
from Gellatly, Hankey Co.
in the sum of 26.600 Egyptian
Pounds

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 26, 1954

Mr. R. R. Dickson
Economist
Aramco
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Dickson:

As you may know, we are in the process of filling some positions in the field of public administration. Lawrence W. Smith, chief of our Public Administration Division and William C. George, statistician, have both been here about a month. Joseph P. Farrell, investment specialist, has just arrived.

Mr. George's immediate work will be in the field of import-export statistics, and we find that the latest publication which SAG has put out covers approximately the calendar year 1950. Jim Knight, of your office here, thought that you might have assembled some figures for 1952 or 1953 from publications of countries exporting to Saudi Arabia. We have seen the country totals which are shown in the UN publication, Direction of International Trade, Series T, but we are particularly interested in import figures on a commodity basis. If you have assembled such figures, we should very much appreciate your letting us have them.

Mr. Knight also suggested that Mr. George would find a visit to your office very profitable, and Mr. George will probably be in Dhahran to see you sometime within the next month or six weeks, after he has had the opportunity to become better acquainted with the Customs statistics set-up in Jidda.

Sincerely yours,

Thelbert F. Taylor
Acting Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 26, 1954

Saudi National Company
for Electric Power Ltd.
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Gentlemen:

Your attention is called to the fact that there is urgent need for a transformer in order to provide electricity for light houses rented by this Mission. We understand that transformers have been ordered, but that they have not been shipped, and are still on the docks in New York City.

We have paid for all costs of connecting the houses to the power source and the connection has been given a high priority. It is urgent that this be done in order that the houses may be utilized.

We will appreciate your attention to this matter. If possible, we would like to know the date that you expect to install the transformer.

We wish to thank you for this attention.

Sincerely yours,

Thelbert F. Taylor
Acting Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 26, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Need for additional truck load of water

It is requested that you obtain permission from the proper authorities for an additional truck load of water to be used by USAOM residential quarters.

Currently, two truck loads are required daily. However, with the increased number of personnel, more water is required.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be very much appreciated.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 26, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Major Thomas B. Ragland
Air Attache
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Reservations on MATS

It is requested that reservations be made on the first available flight to Dhahran for the following personnel:

1. Patricia D. Anderson, Mrs.
Special Passport No. 20193
Age 29 Female
Dependent wife of August R. Anderson,
Vocational Education Specialist
Weight 170 lbs.

2. Mark C. Anderson
Special Passport #20193
Age 4 Male
Dependent son of August R. Anderson,
Vocational Education Specialist
Weight 50 lbs.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 26, 1954

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

You certainly must have wondered why you have not received a reply to your letter of March 18th in which you did some very constructive "thinking out loud" regarding our FY-54 TA and SEA programs/projects. Your letter under reply - believe it or not - arrived here just today, together with another confidential letter from you dated April 12th, both on the subject of encumbering funds prior to June 30, 1954. I cannot understand why we encounter such prolonged delays quite frequently in receiving mail from Washington.

Paul, I really appreciate your constructive thoughts and also your concern over our situation here, with practically no projects signed and with only two more months of FY-54 remaining during which time all agreements must be executed and funds obligated. As I have informed you by cable, all project agreements which are in the hands of the Council of Ministers have been changed to the obligating type - most of them Cooperative Service. Of course I did not like to do this as it is so apparent that the execution of a number of agreements all of the obligating type at such a late date in the fiscal year creates an impression that such agreements have been made that type for the sole purpose of obligating the funds. In reality, this is the case with some of our projects, but I felt we had no alternative in view of the 5½ months' delay we underwent awaiting budget approval and allotment of funds from Washington, and now a 4-month delay on the part of the Saudi Government for the same purpose. Of course, with all our agreements of the obligating type and provided they are all signed before the end of June, we will have adequate time to do the work required under those agreements handled the way it should be done.

I quite agree with your thinking in that our activities in this country are really of the TA nature rather than the SEA, and it would have been better to have had a combined budget. Please never feel apologetic for any

additional work which you might create for the Mission here as a result of ideas which you have and which in your opinion would be in our best interests. I know that you know our working conditions here and would not ask for anything extra or which would involve additional work unless you felt it advisable to do so, and your feeling that way is enough for me. With free and open exchange of thinking, things can be done much better, and more can be done well.

I note that you have asked Pierce to work with the Program Office in getting our latest revised 1955 figures; i.e. - roughly $2.6 million for TA and $2.4 million for SEA - into the FY-55 presentation to Congress. I shall be very happy if you are able to do this because I sincerely feel these are the funds required to do the job that can be done here.

I note from your letter under reply that there are only four or five additional employees in the pipeline. I presume these are Linden, Leonard, Moeller, Bremseth and Beulah Confers. I hope that these new recruitments can be completed and on duty here prior to the Hadj period - say, the middle of July to early September. I strongly recommend that no employee for this Mission be sent here where they will have to travel from either Beirut or Cairo to Jidda during that period. It would be preferable to hold them in the States and give them additional training there. Furthermore, very little field activity can be carried out during July and August.

Regarding your suggestion of our sending you specifications covering work to be contracted, while this work can be done and I shall be glad to do it, nevertheless, now that we will not be under such terrific time pressure (by having all our agreements of the obligating type), I am wondering as to the following:

1) Is it good politics to go ahead with dealings with U.S. contracting or engineering firms so they may be prepared to give us a firm proposal for work to be performed under a SAG/USAOM agreement to be executed, without having first discussed such phases with SAG? It seems to me that could be well considered by SAG as being rather presumptuous on our part. In other words, they could well feel that they have just as much right, if not more, in determining specifications and also firms from whom bids will be solicited.

2) If I were the head of an engineering company, I would hesitate to prepare bids on specifications which may be not only incomplete, but which almost certainly would be subject to change. If you still feel that I should send you the specifications which we will have prepared for such projects as we are in a position to do so, and bearing in mind that with obligating agreements we will not be under the same time pressure as might otherwise be the case, please let me know and I shall be glad to follow your wishes.

I might mention, too, that in no case do we plan to buy heavy equipment. This applies particularly to the roads project, Abha Dam and Gizan Port equipment. I have made it very clear to all Ministers of SAG from the outset that it is not our policy to contribute heavy equipment, construct any buildings, or get mixed up in land tenure, utilities, water rights, etc. Where construction work is to be contracted, it will be up to the contractor to furnish his own equipment. He will also furnish his own supplies, either to be acquired locally or from the States. In other words, the job should be that of a "turnkey" type.

You mentioned in a previous letter that we might wish to contact Mr. Crooks, Regional Port Officer of FOA stationed in Beirut, for assistance on the Gizan Harbor project. I shall appreciate your letting me have what information you can regarding Mr. Crooks, particularly as to his recent background and in the light of drawing up plans and specifications preparatory to calling for bids covering the construction work.

From information I have gathered regarding Mr. Crooks, he is more qualified on port maintenance and operation rather than on port survey and construction work. It would seem to me that for the Abha Dam project, for the Gizan Port project, and possibly for the roads project, our interest would be best served by the use of a competent engineer furnished from the States on a detail basis to do the necessary survey work and prepare detailed specifications in such form as would permit contractors to submit bids without having to request additional information. We plan to discuss this point with SAG after these SEA project agreements have been executed and will write you further in this connection at a later date.

With respect to assistance which we might get from Mr. Kelcey or his Chief Engineer, Mr. McDonald, I think you should know that I wired Henry Wiens upon receipt of your letter suggesting this firm, requesting him to ask either Mr. Kelcey or Mr. McDonald if they would be interested in coming down here to discuss with us several construction projects which we had proposed to SAG. The reply was to the effect that Kelcey's firm was not interested in doing business in Saudi Arabia. Consequently, I wired back stating that if he was not interested in doing business in Saudi Arabia, there would be no purpose in either he or Mr. McDonald coming to Jidda. I did not think Mr. Kelcey's attitude was very commendable and was certainly quite in contrast with the attitude which has been shown right along by International Engineers through Mr. Charles Buck.

The water development program (an SEA project) according to our proposal to the Ministry of Agriculture, will cost about $6,700,000 and will cover a 2-year period. Of that amount we will obligate up to $2,000,000 and the Saudis up to $4,700,000. This program will involve several contracts -- one involving aerial survey work including mapping service, one involving ground geology, and one involving drilling. In all probability these phases of activity under this program will be handled by American contractors, but of course we will have to consider the wishes of SAG in this connection.

The aerial magnetic survey project will also involve a contract with an aerial photography company such as Aero Service Corporation, but here again the wishes of SAG will have to be considered. The Minister of Finance is expected back from Karachi either tomorrow or the day after and I shall try to arrange to have Glen Brown contact him as soon as possible to discuss details and plans for such survey so that we can send you specifications with a request that you obtain a firm bid for such work.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Dictated at hospital 4-26-54.
Sent in pouch 4-27 without being
read by Mr. Corson.

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 25, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Harland J. Corson, Director
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FROM: W. J. Edens, Chief, Agriculture Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report - April 1954

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 25, 1954

H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz
Minister of Agriculture
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Jidda

Your Highness:

This has reference to your letter, No.437, of April 19, 1954, which gives approval of the program arranged for the visiting Range Management and Water Spreading Team from the United States. Your cooperation in the matter is appreciated, but your message of approval came late so that members of the team could not remain in Saudi Arabia to carry forward the work planned for them and meet their commitments in other countries. We regret your country's having lost the full advice of the experts on this team. However, we hope that it will be possible to get them to return next year.

Please accept my respects.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 25, 1954

Secura Incubator Co. Ltd.
Carlisle
England

Gentlemen:

This has reference to your letter of April 9, 1954, concerning the sale of your incubators. Our need for incubators is very limited at present, and orders were made months ago. However, we did appreciate receiving your catalogues and our interest in this matter may turn your way in the future.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 22, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. W. J. Edens, Chief
Division of Agriculture

FROM: B. H. Rountree

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - April 1954

A trip was made to Hadashan to visit the SAG Agriculture Station and to become acquainted with the work area. The station at Hadashan is practically abandoned. There were three fields being used for tomatoes, cabbage, and sweet melons. Also, a part of the area is in a date garden. The rest of the irrigated area was grown up in weeds and annual grasses. Water is plentiful at this location and the soil seemed very productive. There was only one laborer working on the station at the time of our visit. It is the plan of the SAG to rent this land out to local people and allow them to farm it.

The Emir at Hadashan seemed very friendly and was anxious to get improved seeds and fertilizers for his people. He has a very good farm on which dates, bananas, alfalfa, and assorted vegetables are being grown. He has a good supply of water and the soil seems very fertile.

The Dekhiel farm in Wadi Khulais was visited with the water spreading team. This farmer had side dressed some corn with 16-20-0 that was doing very well. He was also spreading organic matter over a portion of his land. This is the first time that I have observed this being done in Saudi Arabia. I believe that it should become a general practice and should be encouraged at every opportunity. The proposed demonstration farm was examined by a representative of SAG and the water spreading team. It was the consensus of opinion of the group that the site was satisfactory.

A trip was made to Wadi Fatma with Counterpart Hojak to observe what had been done with the seed and fertilizer that had been distributed about four weeks ago. The alfalfa plots that had been top dressed with 16-20-0 showed outstanding response. The plants were vigorous and very succulent looking. It was estimated that there was three times as much growth on the fertilized area as compared with the untreated plots. The fertilized vegetables showed definite response, but not as pronounced as on the alfalfa.

Another group of farmers in Wadi Fatma had planted all of the seed that had been distributed. All of the seed had come up to a good stand. Observations will be made periodically.

BHRountree:mep

April 22, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Dr. W. J. Edens, Chief
Agriculture Division

From : T. O. Parker
Animal Husbandry Specialist

RE : Monthly Report- April 1954

During the month of April my time has been distributed as follows: April 1-5, office and getting ticket from SAG to go to Dhrahan. 6-20 spent in Hofuf, Dammam, and Al Kobar. April 20-22, Office.

I accompanied Mr. Barham from Jidda to the east side on April 6. We went to Hofuf on the 7th. While in Hofuf, I was much impressed with the way the people are accepting Mr. Barham. To date, he has been getting acquainted and it is his hope that a project agreement can be signed soon so he can secure the necessary requisites to doing good extension work. Mr. Barham and I spent some time in looking over the SAG farm there with the idea of useing it as a center for demonstration of better farming practices. It seems to me, we can do an effective piece of work there and it is my recommendation we equip this farm for facilities to care for 3 or 4 dairy cows, 8-10 milk goats, 300 hens, and place to keep sires which we are in the process of distributing. We have a wonderful opportunity of trying our ideas on the feasibility of raising poultry in the date gardens.

I have several recommendations to make in regard to aiding Mr. Barham in his work. It seems to me he has made excellent progress and will make more, if and when a project agreement is signed. The following items or conditions will aid him materially:

1. His counter-part only uses very poor English and Mr. Barham could do more if he had a competent interpeter.
2. There seems to be a lot of emphasis placed on drivers licenses on the east side and it seems to me it would be a good idea to ask SAG for a driver-mechanic to be assigned Mr. Barham.
3. Some thought should be given to getting Mr. Barham better transportation. The present Jeep Station Wagon is in bad need of repairs and since he has no other method of transportation it is very necessary that the car he drives be a good one.
4. Some arrangements should be made to make it possible to get his car repaired and or serviced.
5. Living conditions are poor, but with a little work and the purchase of a refrigerator and air conditioner, he could make his place livable. It certainly isn't at the present time. It couldn't be classified as a very good camp.
6. It seems to me that we should try in the future for one or more of the specialist or another Extension man be stationed with him. It would help him a lot if one of the specialist could spend a part of each month there. There is plenty of work to be done and besides help his moral.

The Hofuf area has 10,000 milk cows, 8, 000 sheep, 8000 donkeys. The milk goat numbers is unknown. We found much interest in poultry and the farmers feel the need for better sires.

After leaving Hofuf, we spent some time with Mr. Mohammed Gasobi---a merchant in Al Kobar. He is interested in developing his farm and seemed to appreciate the help we were able to give. This could be an entree into working in this area.

While in the Al Kobar area we talked with Mr. Hamilton of Aramco and Mr. McInteer of the Reynolds Aluminum Co. Also aided Mr. McInteer with setting up his sprinkler system. Mr. Hamiltons attitude is unchanged and his remarks and discussion will be covered in a seperate memorandum.

I have seen quite a little on this trip and would like to return to do more specific work, once we get a project agreement.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 22, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. W. J. Edens, Chief
Division of Agriculture

FROM: H. E. Schwan
Desert Range Conservationist

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--March-April, 1954

The last report ended with my return from Riyadh. Preparations were begun immediately for the planned trip to the Qasim, Hail and Al Ula. There was a delay of several days while waiting for the return of the power wagon from the Tihama trip, and an additional delay after its return to make repairs and to service it. At this time, the first information was received relative to the impending visit of Messrs. Aamodt, Larson and Ayers. Consequently the Qasim trip was cancelled, since it appeared that the time allowed by the three man team was inadequate for them to accompany us.

A new schedule was developed, featuring a three-day trip to Khulais and a six day trip to Taif. H.R.H. Prince Sultan and local officials were notified of the visit and plans for the projected trips. Much of three days was taken up in meeting incoming planes, beginning with the announced arrival date of April 5. On April 7, we received a wire that the team would arrive on the 11th. Meanwhile, food for nine men for six days was purchased, equipment was put in order, the authorities at Taif were notified, a wire for field requisitions of gas was sent to Taif, a four-man crew was assembled and asked to stand by, supplies and equipment were loaded and everything was in readiness to begin the Taif trip as scheduled on April 14. A wire was received from H.R.H. Prince Sultan, raising questions and restricting the team to the confines of Jidda. However, one-day trips were made to the Kilo 10 grass plot, to possible water-spreading areas on Wadi Fatima, and to Wadi Khulais. Finally, the Taif trip was approved by Prince Sultan on April 18, but the three-man decided to follow through on a change in plans and departed on April 20 instead of April 24, as originally scheduled. The Taif trip was cancelled.

While some benefit was gained from the visit in discussions and the short trips, in general, the visit did not help us much because of inability to go into all inter-related problems in a definite area, as had been planned for Taif. In my opinion, the entire difficulty and miscarriage

of plans could have been avoided, to the benefit of all, if this Mission had been notified of the plans of the team, together with approximate dates, a month or more in advance. There would then have been adequate time to clear everything with the interested Ministries.

Accomplishment for this month was low.

At the end of the monthly period, preparations were being made for attendance at the Middle East Leaders' Conference at Amman, Jordan.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 21, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Major Thomas B. Ragland
Air Attache
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thalbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Reservations on MATS

It is requested that reservations be made on the Friday, April 29, MATS flight to Dhahran for the following personnel:

1. Maris B. Jackson, Mrs.
Special Passport #20952
Age 36 Female
Dependent wife of Roy O. Jackson, Geologist
Weight 118 lbs.

2. Bonnie M. Jackson
Service #42
Age 6 Female
Dependent daughter of Roy O. Jackson, Geologist
Weight 28 lbs.

3. William C. George
Special Passport # 24452
Age 33 Male
Statistician, Public Administration Division
Weight 165 lbs.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 21, 1954

Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zager
Jeddah
Saudi Arabia

Dear Sir:

Paragraph 6 of the lease between you and the Secretary of State of the United States of America states that "the lessor shall, unless hereinafter specified to the contrary, maintain the said premises, public halls, entrances to building, elevators, stairways, and public toilets in good repair and tenantable condition, including repainting and/or repapering, during the continuance of this lease...".

In accordance with this paragraph it is requested that the following repair work be given your immediate attention:

Repair electric switches in House #2 (Taylor); repair hot water heater in House #2; repair loose window panes in front and back doors of Houses #2, #3 and #4; repair water pump; replace transformer boxes in 5 houses - boxes are too weak to carry the required load; repair plugged drains in bathtubs in Houses #2, #3 and #4; repair and waterproof roofs on all houses - all roofs are cracked, making rain damage of expensive furniture a very likely possibility.

Your prompt attention to these matters is requested.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 21, 1954

E. A. Juffali & Bros.
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Gentlemen:

We have made repeated requests that the telephones in our Office need to be repaired.

Recently, your technicians repaired some of the phones but did not repair the phones in Rooms # 27 and # 39.

We would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 21, 1954

Mr. Abdulla Al Khirigi
Jeddah
Saudi Arabia

Dear Sir:

Under Paragraph 6 of the lease between you and the Secretary of State of the United States of America for Beit Sudairi, Mecca Road, Jidda, "the lessor shall, unless hereinafter specified to the contrary, maintain the said premises, public halls, entrances to buildings, elevators, stairways and public toilets in good repair and tenantable condition, including repainting and/or repapering..."

Therefore, in fulfillment of these conditions it is requested that the following repairs be carried out:

Repair plugged toilet in Apt. #3W; repair defective wiring in Apt. #1W; repair window rod in Apt. #4; repair leaky faucets in Apt. #1E.

Your prompt attention to these matters will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 21, 1954

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 21, 1954

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Harland J. Corson
Director
USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 21, 1954

Shaikh Hassan Faki
Jeddah
Saudi Arabia

Dear Sir:

Paragraph 6 of the lease (Contract Serial No. S-436-FA-26) signed by you and the Secretary of State of the United States of America states that "the lessor shall, unless hereinafter specified to the contrary, maintain the said premises, public halls, entrances to building, elevators, stairways, and public toilets in good repair and tenantable condition, including repainting and/or repapering..."

In accordance with this paragraph it is requested that the following maintenance work be done immediately:

Repair roof of top floor apartment - extensive leakage occurred during the last rains; repair and check water pump; repair lights in upper hallway and roof; repair leaking basin in top floor apartment; and repair cover of water tank on roof.

Your prompt attention to these matters is requested.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 20, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Robert S. Lindquist
Administrative Officer, American Embassy

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Staffing Level for FY 1955

You requested that we furnish you with an indication of our staffing levels for the 1955 Fiscal Year to serve as a guide for the computation of the administrative support estimate now being computed by you.

FOA/Washington has given us the Administrative staffing levels, but we have no knowledge as yet of those for Program. The Administrative staffing levels are 9 Americans and 12 locals, which is 48% of our budget estimates of 19 and 25, respectively.

Using the same percentage relationship for our Program budget estimates of 59 Americans and 28 locals, we arrive at staffing levels of 28 Americans and 13 locals and a composite staffing pattern as follows:

	Fiscal Year 1955	
	Americans	Locals
Administrative	9	12
Program (estimated)	28	13
Total (partly estimated)	37	35

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 20, 1954

His Excellency,
Shaikh Abdul-Aziz Sulaiman,
Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

Excellency:

I am attaching an announcement of a short course in Public Administration which will be conducted at American University starting July 3 and continuing through July 31. The course will be conducted in Arabic. It is primarily for the public employee who has administrative responsibilities but not necessarily top administrative responsibility. It is also preferred that those selected have at least three years of continuous experience in administrative positions in Government and otherwise indicate promise as growing public administrators.

We have been assigned a quota of six for this course from Saudi Arabia. All other Arabic countries have been given the same number, with the understanding that should the respective quotas not be filled, the openings may be reassigned to other countries.

Should you care to have any Government employees in attendance for this training course, we will be glad to present the applications in the same manner as all the other grantees have been handled. In this way the Government of Saudi Arabia will defray the cost of transportation to and from Beirut, and USA Operations Mission will take care of the cost of training, board, lodging and instructional materials at the ratio established by the University.

As in the case of other grantees, the Saudi Arabian Government may want to pay the salaries of the trainees while attending this course, in addition to a modest clothing allowance. This arrangement, however, is entirely a matter of discretion on the part of the Government and otherwise of no consideration in the processing of the applicants.

Due to the shortness of time remaining before this short course opens, may I suggest that should you have anyone you would like to send, that they be referred to us within the next two weeks if possible.

Please accept my respects.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 20, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Elsie A. Strand
Budget & Fiscal Assistant
USOM/Italy

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Advance Issued to Mrs. Corson

RE: Yours Memos of 2/8/54 and 3/26/54 and Our Memo of 3/11/54

Attached hereto is signed "Second Original" Standard Form 1012d Revised (Receipt for Cash-Subvoucher), Subvoucher #4774 dated 10/6/53.

Encl - a/s

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 20, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I have noted that new employees arriving from Washington come from Beirut on Air Liban instead of on Saudi Arabian Airlines. Air Liban is a subsidiary of Air France, whereas Saudi Airlines is owned by the Saudi Government but maintained and operated by TWA.

It may be that FOA/W Transportation Division does not have schedules of SAA but are able to get Air Liban schedules from the Air France office in Washington.

It would seem to me that wherever possible and convenient our personnel should travel on SAA in preference to airlines of other nationalities. I might say that the flight record of SAA is excellent.

For information of FOA/W Transportation Division, SAA planes leave Beirut for Jidda via Damascus Tuesday and Thursday mornings. SAA planes from Cairo to Jidda direct or via Medina leave Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday mornings. The Tuesday flight from Beirut is by DC-3, whereas the Thursday flight is by DC-4. The Thursday and Sunday flights from Cairo are by DC-3, whereas the Tuesday flight is by DC-4.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Copy to - Mr. William A. Blankenship, Technical Manager
Saudi Arabian Airlines, Jidda

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

The Honorable Sayyed Sami Kutbi
Secretary General, Ministry of Finance
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

My dear Sayyed Kutbi:

As you probably recall, Mr. Omar Zaki, upon the recommendation of the Ministry of Finance, was awarded an FOA training grant to study customs procedure in the United States. It was considered that upon his return his services would be appropriately employed in the Customs Branch of the Ministry where he was engaged at the time of his application.

Mr. Zaki has concluded his training and returned to Jidda where we understand he is awaiting reassignment at the moment. We are happy to say that our advice from Washington indicates that Mr. Zaki concluded his training profitably and with distinction. His final grades in organized special instruction were well above average and it was noted that he displayed qualities of character and intelligence that commanded the admiration of those officials with whom he was associated.

We realize that Mr. Zaki's reassignment must be considered first upon the Ministry's needs. However, in the event his new responsibilities warrant, we shall be happy to continue our official association with him through our Government Services Division should his assignment of responsibility make such cooperative effort possible.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

This will acknowledge receipt of a copy of Norman Paul's memorandum to all desk officers dated March 31, 1954, regarding application of 50-50 shipping provision to special economic assistance.

We have taken note of Morris Wolf's memorandum transcribed therein and of course will be guided accordingly, although we do not foresee any cases where other than U.S. flag vessels would be used for transporting supplies and equipment for our programs in Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

Mr. Henry Wiens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Iraq
American Embassy
Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Henry:

As promised in Beirut, I am attaching the estimated annual cost per technician employed by our Mission here, which includes "cost at post" - a very high cost item as compared with other posts.

I have finally located the name and address of the engineering firm in the States which specializes in grain drying and storage facilities; i.e. --

Drying Plant Engineers, Inc.
Suite 205
Commonwealth Building
1625 K Street, N.W.
Washington 5, D.C.
Attn: J. K. Dunn, President

It may be that this firm has moved into its new offices since I left Washington and, if so, I am sure that mail addressed to the Commonwealth Building would be forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure -
As above

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October 15, 1953

ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF TECHNICIAN

BASIC SALARY (average)		$ 8,400.
plus 5% allowance for periodic step increase		400.
		$ 8,800.
POST DIFFERENTIAL - 25%		2,200.
		$ 11,000.
POST ALLOWANCE (Cost of Living Allowance) including possible restoration of recent reduction, and including transfer and separation allowances		3,000.
TOTAL REMUNERATION		$ 14,000.
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - giving consideration to new recruitments and eligibility of present employees for home leave accompanied by families and return		3,000.
REMUNERATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL		$ 17,000.
COST AT POST		
Distributive share of Rent, Electricity and Maintenance of Government-leased Residences	$ 4,500.	
Local Travel	2,000.	
Distributive share of Auto Supplies, Petty Purchases, Customs and Pier Charges,etc.	1,500.	
TOTAL COST AT POST		8,000.
TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF TECHNICIAN		$ 25,000.

For Attachments see Copy 1 in MiBaker Folder.

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL
UNCLASSIFIED

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I am attaching hereto in duplicate an audit made by our Controller, John Bode, of the books of MiBaker, Incorporated/Jidda, as pertains to expenditures effected by MiBaker, Incorporated during the first three months of this year under our contract with that firm.

You will note that total expenditures, including service fee, amount to $34,419.18, whereas the maximum reimbursable amount (including the above-mentioned fee) allowable under that contract was $54,000. We are now making final payment to MiBaker, Incorporated, thereby closing out all obligations under that contract.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Audit, as above

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

The accompanying article on "Grazing Administration" may interest you. It seems that the Arabs practiced grazing control twelve hundred years ago, much as it is taught by our technicians today. The Arab author is understood to have been a Hejazi of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. H. E. Schwan of our Agriculture Division is responsible for bringing the article to light. I am sending copies to the other interested countries in this Region.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

Dear Jeff:

The SAG/Siemens & Halske contract covers the installation of high frequency radio carrier telephony and teleprinter system between -

Jidda and Medina
Jidda and Riyadh
Jidda and Amman.

Such contract also covers the installation of open wire carrier telephony and telegraphy system between Jidda and Mecca, and between Mecca and Taif.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Mr. J. Jefferson Jones III,
American Consul,
Jidda.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

Mr. Harvey Sherman
Public Administration Program Branch
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sherman:

In a letter of April 12 to FOA/Washington, we requested certain information with respect to the Department of Commerce. This morning another request was received for organization charts and activity information of U.S. communications agencies - FCC and ICC. Although these people recognize that their problems are basically different from ours, at the outset of most discussions a request is made for fairly comprehensive information as to the manner in which related problems are handled in the United States. Accordingly, data such as organization charts, a bit of the more pertinent legislation, and general information on the work of FCC and ICC will prove very useful.

Would it be possible for you to furnish us with a copy of the pamphlet, "National Organization for the Conduct of Economic Development Programs" by Donald C. Stone. The publication may be pertinent to our interest with respect to business climate.

Also, an article which appeared in "Progress in Public Administration" Number 3 for February 1954 (page 9), published by International Institute of Administrative Sciences, refers to the signing by the President of Costa Rica of a basic statistics law setting up a permanent statistical service for the country. A copy of this or similar work in the same direction would be very helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 18, 1954

Mr. Ahmed Badkook
Ministry of Agriculture
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Badkook:

In accordance with your request through our Liaison Office, I am enclosing the agenda of the Amman meeting so you can forward the same to H.R.H. Prince Sultan, who desires further information pertaining to the Conference.

I hope it will be possible for your Ministry to send Mr. Al Betein to Amman.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 18, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Div.
Near East, South Asia & Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing Form FOA-583 in quadruplicate to cover the approved training grant for Mr. Daghastany. We will try to keep these forms current with approvals; however, it will be some time before we can complete forms to cover prior approvals.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Encl - Form FOA-583 in
quadruplicate

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 18, 1954

Mr. Roland D. Smith
Acting Assistant Director
for Economic Development
Foreign Operations Administration
Mutual Security Mission to China
Union Building
9 Paoching Road
Taipei, Taiwan

Dear Mr. Smith:

With reference to your letter of March 25, I am enclosing summary tables showing Saudi Arabian Government figures on imports and exports during the Islamic year 1369 (approximately November 1949-October 1950), the latest year for which such data were published. The publication from which these figures were taken also contains figures on a more detailed commodity basis, but these detailed figures have not been translated into English.

We have not attempted to analyze or evaluate the Saudi Arabian import-export statistics. However, a statistical consultant has recently been added to the staff of our Public Administration Division, and we should have more information on the timeliness, presentation and reliability of these data in the future.

It is possible to obtain later figures on the trade of Saudi Arabia from publications of partner-trading countries. These figures would of course be subject to noncomparability in commodity classification, coverage, valuation, etc. This office has not assembled figures in this manner, but it is likely that the Monetary Agency, Aramco or some other office has done so. We shall check on this matter and advise you.

Very truly yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Summary Tables

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Imports and Exports of Saudi Arabia as shown in the Publication GENERAL STATISTICS, CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, 1369

Description	IMPORTS	Value (Saudi Riyals)
1.	Food Stuffs	49,192,403
2.	Miscellaneous food items	115,891,088
3.	Perfumery or Spices	4,338,806
4.	Textile and Textile Articles	51,943,270
5.	Tobacco, Jurak (Indian Tobacco) Cigarette Paper	6,004,563
6.	Small-wares and household utensils	36,137,900
7.	Transportation facilities, tools & machinery	33,117,606
8.	Fuel	6,580,580
9.	Construction Materials	10,165,061
10.	Miscellaneous Articles	776,927
11.	Cattle & livestock	2,259,273
	Total	316,407,477

	EXPORTS	Value (Saudi Riyals)
1.	Agricultural products	123,618
2.	Animals & animal products	828,905
3.	Sea products	4,124
4.	Local or internal products	2,789,930
5.	Miscellaneous Articles	3,125
6.	Mineral products	Not shown
7.	Oil and oil products	Not shown*

*27,579,846 tons

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 15, 1954

H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz
Minister of Agriculture
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Jidda

Your Highness:

This letter has reference to your selection of personnel to carry forward the work of agricultural statistics as set forth in the Ministry organization chart when we last discussed it. As you know, this is an important service which collects information on all phases of agriculture in the country, to be used by other personnel of the Ministry as well as by other branches of the Government and commercial interests.

A training course in agricultural statistics in the United States is scheduled to begin August 1st this year. Mr. Abbas Ali Alrumaihi, who is employed by your Government's Liaison Office for Point IV and is serving as interpreter and translator, has expressed his desire to take this statistical training. This, of course, will require your approval and the understanding that your Ministry will employ Mr. Alrumaihi upon completion of the training period.

The training course is for a period of twelve months. Necessary expenses of the trainee while in the United States would be paid by the USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia. Your Ministry would be required to pay the travel expense to the United States and return. Other provisions for the welfare of Mr. Alrumaihi while in training will be the privilege of your Ministry. I am sure you will recognize this as an opportunity to get one of your personnel trained in the shortest time for important work. The possibility of Mr. Alrumaihi being sent for this training was discussed with Sayyed Ahmed Obaid back when I was working on the organization chart for your Ministry. At that time he stated that if I would recommend Mr. Alrumaihi, he felt sure the Ministry would give its approval. If you will give your approval to this matter, we shall proceed to get Mr. Alrumaihi ready for the trip and registered for the course.

We should be glad to hear from you at an early date.

Please accept my respects.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 15, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Exit and Re-entry Visa.

It would be most appreciated if you would obtain exit and re-entry visas for Mohammed Halabi, a USAOM employee.

The visas are required in order for Halabi to take his annual vacation trip to Gaza, Egypt.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 15, 1954

Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Husseini:

We have been recently informed that Mr. Jalil Jawad's application for a training grant has been approved and his scheduled arrival in the United States established. Mr. Jawad has asked me to notify you of this fact and request that such steps as may be necessary to secure his transportation be taken as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Dolley
Chief
Education Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

Date April 15, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Thalbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Visa

Will you kindly arrange to secure visa(s) for a trip

to Dhahran and return for:

Name	Passport No.
George Poore Gibbs	(Special Passport) # 43163

The passport(~~s~~) ~~xx xx xxx~~ does accompany this memorandum.

It would be appreciated if you can complete this form and have it back to my office by April 19, 1954, in order that Mr. Gibbs may accompany Messrs Aamode, Larson, and Ayers to Dhahran.

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 14, 1954

Mr. Harold R. Stevens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Egypt
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Mr. Stevens:

This has reference to your letter of March 24 addressed to Mr. Corson relative to setting up a group in Egypt to review and publish FAO and FOA publications in the Arabic language. This letter arrived just as Mr. Corson was leaving for Riyadh, and not knowing how long he would be away, he requested that I reply to your communication.

Appropriate publications in the native language should be of much value and I think this should be done by the Missions whenever it can be justified. A cooperative undertaking with FAO should be desirable provided each agency bears its proportionate part of all costs on the basis of total volume of matter published. Also, possibly some thought should be given by each Mission to having such publications printed in local plants, particularly where costs are reasonable.

A very modern publishing establishment has been built recently here in Jidda. It is equipped to print in both Arabic and English. We have been giving some thought to encouraging the various Ministries to budget funds for publications to be used in the various education and extension type programs. It is my opinion that we should pursue efforts in this manner for the present. However, we should be glad to know the reaction you obtained when sounding out FOA/W.

Your letter regarding this matter is appreciated, and Mr. Corson may wish to write you further upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

WJEdens:o

Dolley, Robert F.	Chief	On Duty
Anderson, August H.	Voc. Edu. Specialist	Not Cleared
Bremseth, Cameron	Comm. Educ. Specialist	Pending Transfer
Haddock, Dorothy J.	Secretary	AIRPAR # 33
VACANT	Adult Ext. Specialist	dated 11/2/54

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

Jidda

April 14, 1954

PERSONNEL STATUS REPORT

PROGRAM DIRECTION

		REMARKS
Corson, Harland J.	Country Director	On Duty
Oakes, Blanche L.	Secretary	On Duty
Taylor, Thelbert F.	Executive Officer	On Duty
Moser, Ethel R.	Clerk Stenographer	On Duty
Bode, John	Controller	Reassignment to Accounting Adv. - Public Adm. Div. Requested AIRPAR # 62 dated 1/9/54.
Haddock, Dorothy J.	Secretary	Reassignment to Education Div. Requested AIRPAR # 59 dated 1/9/54.
Hazelton, Willis B.	Program Officer	On Duty
Betzig, Edward J.	Asst. to Program Officer	Delayed home leave pending arrival Adm. Officer.
VACANT	Administrative Officer	Position and man requested AIRPAR # 68 dated 1/18/54.
VACANT	Budget & Fiscal Officer	Position and man requested AIRPAR # 67.
Confer, Beulah	Secretary	

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Smith, Lawrence W.	Chief	On Duty
Linden, Kenneth G.	Customs and Tariff	Mission clearance 1/31/54
Bode, John	Accounting Specialist	(Pending Reassignment)
George, William C.	Statistician	On Duty
Farrell, Joseph P.	Invest. Specialist	On Duty
Parrish, Mary	Secretary	On Duty

EDUCATION DIVISION

Dolley, Robert F.	Chief	On Duty
Anderson, August H.	Voc. Edu. Specialist	On Duty
Bremseth, Cameron	Comm. Educ. Specialist	Not Cleared
Haddock, Dorothy J.	Secretary	Pending Transfer
VACANT	Adult Ext. Specialist	AIRPAR # 33 dated 11/2/54

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PUBLIC HEALTH

VACANT	Chief	AIRPAR # 25, dated 11/1/53
Butler, J. Miles	Sanitation Engineer	On Duty
Potter, Jeannette	Public Health Nurse	On Duty
Skrinde, Rolf	Sanitarian	On Duty
Melany, Fasly A. Dr.	Medical Doctor	Mission Clearnace 12/28/53
VACANT	Medical Doctor	AIRPAR # 39, dated 11/21/53
VACANT	Sanitarian	AIRPAR # 37, dated 11/21/53
VACANT	Secretary	AIRPAR # 60, dated 1/9/54

NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

Brown, Glenn	Chief	On Duty
Jackson, Roy	Geologist	On Duty
Goudarzi, Gus H.	Geologist	On Duty
Bogue, Richard	Geologist	On Duty
VACANT	Chemist	Requested by Brown
VACANT	Adm. Asst.	Requested by Brown
VACANT	Radio Operator	Requested by Brown
Combs, Joyce	Secretary	On Duty (Part Time)

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Sinclair, Edward F.	Chief	On Duty
VACANT	Construction Engineer	AIRPAR # 46, dated 12/1/53
VACANT	Telephone Comm. Engineer	AIRPAR # 54, dated 1/7/54
VACANT	Coordenator of R. R. Tr.	AIRPAR # 64, dated 1/12/54

AGRICULTURE DIVISION

Edens, William J.	Chief	On Duty
Gibbs, George F.	Soils Specialist	On Duty
Leonard, Joe	Extension Specialist	On Duty
VACANT	Extension Specialist	AIRPAR # 42, dated 11/29/54 (Stewart)
Parker, T. O.	Animal Husbandry	On Duty
Schwan, Herbert E.	Range Management	On Duty
Barham, Fred	Extension Specialist	On Duty
Rounstree, Billie	Agronomist	On Duty
Moller, J.	Irregation Engineer	On Duty
VACANT	Secretary	

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 11, 1954

Sayed Mohammed Hassan Awad, Director
Chamber of Commerce
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Sayed Awad:

Mr. Lawrence Smith, Chief, Division of Public Administration, and his assistant in Statistics, Mr. William George, have informed me of your kindness and courtesy last Thursday when you received them in your office.

I am sending you the list of our personnel which you requested from Mr. Smith. You will find that the titles reflect the nature of the work which our Mission is performing for the Government of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Smith informs me that the new Ministry of Commerce is now in process of organization. He also indicated that you asked if he would be available for consultation on organization matters as this work proceeds. You are informed that Mr. Smith is in Saudi Arabia in the hope that he may be useful to the good men of your Government to the extent that they request his presence in such matters and find him useful.

It was a thoughtful act on your part to include mention of the Public Administration Division in the Chamber of Commerce publication. We look forward with pleasure to the copies which will be sent us.

It is my hope that before long I may have the pleasure of your acquaintance.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 13, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sadek Husseini, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Country Clearance for Mr. Joe Leonard

We shall appreciate it if you will arrange for country clearance for Mr. Joe Leonard as Extension Specialist (Irrigated Farming) in our Agriculture Division.

Mr. Leonard is 40 years old and a graduate of Montana State College in 1942. He did farm labor on a livestock and wheat ranch at Denton, Montana from 1932 until he entered college in 1937. Since college, he did county agent work in Montana, principally at Whitehall, until May, 1945, when he became a Soil Conservationist with SCS at Roundup.

If country clearance is granted, we expect Mr. Leonard the latter part of April.

HJCorson
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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 13, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and African Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I refer to USFOTO Circular A-49 dated March 25 covering as subject matter, "Steps toward Single FOA Overseas Personnel System."

I have read with interest the subject matter of this circular, and heartily concur with the objectives set forth therein. I also heartily endorse the consideration being given to keep Missions informed as to what is being discussed in FOA/W along policy lines affecting Mission staff, particularly if Country Directors are given an opportunity to voice their views on such matters while under discussion.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 13, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I refer to your letter dated February 25th relative to the status at that time of the FOA/USGS contract.

Shortly after Glen Brown returned from a rather extended field trip, I discussed with him the possibility of our trying to draft a proposed agreement which might be mutually acceptable to FOA and to USGS. Glen was especially pleased with the idea. Consequently, as soon as we know definitely that we will have a water development agreement with SAG under the Special Economic Aid grant, Glen and I will prepare such proposed agreement and forward it on to you for whatever value it may have there.

As I see the picture at this time, it would seem that two agreements might be required by FOA and USGS: one covering the overall relationship between FOA and USGS, and the other covering a contract with USGS to do that phase of the water development program corresponding to geological work, with Glen Brown, Roy Jackson and the mineral geologists being excluded from such contract. In other words, this contract would cover such personnel and backstopping as could be furnished by USGS in carrying out the above-mentioned phase of the water development program, the same as could be done by any commercial firm engaged in geological work.

I will write you further in this connection at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 13, 1954

Mr. Robert King Hall
Hotel Bristol
Villars-sur-Ollon
Switzerland

Dear Mr. Hall:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and the application forms which you enclosed.

For the past several weeks we have been in the throes of firming up commitments with the Government and have had little time to devote to our operational program. I had hoped that the Government's budget would have been determined by this time so that we might be in a better position to advise you concerning the possibility of our using your services during the times you specified as being appropriate and convenient. The Council of Ministers, however, is still busily engaged in trying to reach its final budgetary determinations, hence our inability to state at this moment whether or not contractual arrangements will be made with our mission that will be conducive to the kind of long-range planning that would permit our capitalizing on the opportunity to use your services in compliance with the time schedule that you have indicated.

With your permission, we shall hold your applications and follow through the necessary procedures for clearances so that in the event our hopes materialize we will be in a position to conclude arrangements for your services without the perfunctory normal delays usually encountered in handling matters of this kind.

I regret very much that we cannot be more definite at this moment. I am sure that your experience in foreign affairs will make it possible for you to appreciate the situation in which we find ourselves.

I hope that I shall be able to write to you concerning our program in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 12, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: Chief, Public Administration Division

SUBJECT: Comments of Director of Chamber of Commerce, Jidda, with regard to Trade Delegations

Last Thursday, as you know, Mr. George and I visited Sayed Mohammed Hassan Awad, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for Jidda. His comments with respect to recent trade delegations may be of some interest to you. Within the last few months both Great Britain and Egypt have sent trade delegations to this area. He expressed the desire that the United States send a delegation here as there are many things that are needed and the merchants would prefer to buy from the U.S. However, they have difficulty in ordering by correct specifications and lack recognized dealer addresses. He said that relations of Saudi Arabia with the United States are friendly because there are no suspicions of imperialistic aims, but with some countries "precautions are taken."

Sayed Awad said that "Japan did not consider sending a trade delegation until learning that relations were strained because of failure to do so."

Daghastany Hassan, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for Mecca, whom we met on the following day, concurred with Sayed Awad as to Saudi Arabian interest in a trade delegation from the U.S. Also with regard to the Japan comment, he inferred that the Chambers of Commerce were not in agreement with the Government of Saudi Arabia in its "ban on imports from Japan."

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 12, 1954

H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Asis
Minister of Agriculture
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Your Highness:

With the development of Agriculture in Saudi Arabia, it is important that all aspects of its development be considered. Our technicians, while traveling in Saudi Arabia, have observed that damage by insects to crops for both human and livestock consumption amounts to a very high percentage of the total potential yield. As crops are developed and cultivated acreages increased, insect pests tend to thrive and increase and become an even greater problem, as has been found to be true at El Kharj and other important cultivated areas. We believe that every consideration should be given to encourage and develop insect control methods. In this connection the Point 4 Regional Insect Control Program has offered to Saudi Arabia for a limited time its facilities and technicians in supplying a demonstration control unit.

Since your growing season is so advanced, it is necessary that you give your immediate consideration to this offer of assistance. For such a unit to move its personnel, equipment and insecticides into Saudi Arabia in time to be effective, they inform us that they must have your approval for insect control demonstrations not later than April 18.

Regional Insect Control, through the USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia, proposes to supply to your Government two planes, two pilots, an Entomologist and available insecticides sufficient to carry on limited aerial demonstrations of insect control. It would be necessary for the Saudi Arabian Government to furnish gasoline, oil and landing facilities for the planes, as well as board and room for the three American personnel attached to the unit. It is estimated that such a unit may have to operate for a period of nearly sixty days applying various insecticide sprays at intervals determined by the development of the insects themselves, the various crops involved and weather conditions. Such an operation at El Kharj and nearby areas should not cost your Government more than $50 a day for the period of time stationed in Saudi Arabia.

The program suggested could be carried on to advantage at El Kharj where you have a considerable acreage of crops subject to insect damage,

as well as facilities to service the spray planes, and to house and feed the personnel. The limited number of workers which would be necessary for loading planes could probably be provided from the group of regular workers on the farm. To locate at El Kharj would place the unit within a working radius of Riyadh and nearby wadis where insect pests may be a disturbing factor to crop production. It is also possible that demonstration plots would be considered worthwhile at Hofuf and at the Royal farm in Dammam.

If you think well of the above suggested program of insect spraying, I should appreciate an immediate reply of approval so that arrangements can be made to take advantage of the limited time we now have left.

Please accept my respects.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 12, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

As of writing date the Public Administration Division is satisfactorily established considering the recency of its reactivation. Quarters and office arrangements were completed upon arrival of Smith. We hope that John Bode's transfer from Administration to the P/A Division will be authorized by FOA/W soon. We are expecting Mary Parrish next Saturday and Farrell shortly thereafter. It is to be hoped that the departure of Linden will not be long delayed as it is presently timely for his arrival.

Although primary SAG introductions for Smith cannot be made until the end of the Council of Ministers session at Riyadh, a number of useful contacts have been made around the periphery of the area with which he will be concerned. In particular, effort has been directed toward opening avenues of acquaintance for him with business men, bankers, Chamber of Commerce, etc., in the interest of Import-Export information and orientation with regard to business climate problems. Such meetings with key people have served to informally publish the purposes of the P/A Division as a whole.

We have been informed that, following the meeting of the Council of Ministers, Smith's assistance may be requested in connection with the following projects:

Establishment of the new Ministry of Commerce;
Organization problems of Ministry of Interior, and
Records Management problems of Ministry of Communications.

Although nothing authoritative has been received on such projects, the various sources from which they were derived are sufficiently dependable to suggest a reasonable probability that they will be forthcoming. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if the Washington Office would assist us with certain material.

Various individuals who will be involved in formation of the new Ministry of Commerce have expressed interest in the organization and operation of the U.S. Department of Commerce. They realize that their requirements may have little in common with that of the U.S. Department, but the interest expressed justifies an effort on our part to provide the information. Accordingly, we would appreciate data such as a copy of the organization chart of the Department. If available, a copy of the original enabling legislation would be pertinent historically. Organization charts and related explanatory information upon such activities as the Field Service, CAA, Bureau of Standards, and Bureau of Census as would serve to present a picture of their objectives and work would also be useful to us. Material explaining the United States Chamber of Commerce in terms of origin, present organization and activity would be of particular interest to a few of our recent contacts.

It appears that the P/A Division may be required to prepare perhaps a multitude of job description statements for various Ministries. A set of classification standards or related data undoubtedly will prove of great help to us.

We wish to express our appreciation for the effective job done by FOA/W in staffing this Division.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 10, 1954

Mr. Tony Francois, Acting Director
Forestry Division
Food and Agriculture Organization
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
Rome, Italy

Reference: Fo:PC

Dear Mr. Francois:

Thank you for your letter of March 18, inviting me to attend the technical meeting on forest grazing in Rome. I am sorry that it was impossible for me to attend. If FAO publishes a report on the meeting, and especially on the recommendations and conclusions, I shall appreciate it very much if you will send me a copy. Also, mimeographed copies of any additional working papers will be most welcome.

Sincerely yours,

H. E. Schwan
Desert Range Conservationist
USOM, Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Harland J. Corson
Director

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Packages

The following list of packages mailed some time in January or February have not been received.to date.

NAME	NO. OF PACKAGE
Butler	2
Skrinde	1 Sears
Oakes	1 Sears
Dolley	8 to 10
Goudarzi	1
Brown	3 or 4
Corson	5 or 6
Edens	1
Jackson	2 or 3

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 11, 1954

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

This refers to my recent conversation with you relative to packages consigned to employees of this Mission which are detained in Customs at Dhahran.

A check has been made amongst all employees of this Mission to ascertain the approximate number of packages which are considered to be detained. Following is the result of such check:

Name	Number of Packages
J. M. Butler	2
Rolf Skrinde	1
Blanche L. Oakes	1
R. D. Dolley	8 to 10
Gus Goudarzi	1
Glen Brown	3 or 4
H. J. Corson	5 or 6
W. J. Edens	1
Roy Jackson	2 or 3

If you agree, I suggest that the Embassy pass the above information on to General Grover at Dhahran with the request that one of his postal clerks check the packages being held by Customs at Dhahran to ascertain if any of them correspond to the above employees.

I am attaching a current list of the personnel of this Mission, which might be forwarded at the same time to General Grover in the event there are packages detained which correspond to employees other than those listed above.

The employees of this Mission will assume responsibility for damages or losses which might occur in the opening of any of such packages for inspection provided this is done in the presence of the above-mentioned postal clerk.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure - Roster

Ambassador George Wadsworth,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Payment of Overtime to American Employee

This is to notify you that I have authorized Blanche L. Oakes to work overtime for the two-week period beginning April 11, 1954, at the rate prescribed for that purpose, the total overtime worked not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours.

cc: Miss Oakes

APPROVED BY:

John Bode, Controller

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 11, 1954

Dear Mr. Jago:

Ambassador Wadsworth has under consideration my status here. He tells me that during the recent visit here of his daughter, Mrs. Harris, in the course of an informal intramural discussion of relative precedents of the USAOM and Embassy officers, she recalled, in substance, that a recent memorandum from the State Department had been received by the Legation in Tripoli in which there was inter alia a definitive ruling as to your status which, in effect, placed you "with and after military attaches".

Personally, I am a rank novice in these matters, but as the Ambassador has asked me to do so, I am writing you to ask you to send us a copy of this ruling in your case, at the same time with any pertinent comments which may suggest itself to you.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Mr. John W. Jago, Director
USA Operations Mission to Libya
Tripoli, Libya

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Miss Lee Moody
Administrative Office
American Embassy

FROM: Mrs Ethel R. Moser

SUBJECT: Immunization Cards

This is to acknowledge receipt of the second batch of Immunization cards. Per your suggestion, we have notified the staff members concerned, of the Booster Shots required for themselves and their dependents.

Arrangements will be made for the Booster Shots to be given at the GOVENCO Clinic. You will be notified of the dates the cards have been brought up to date.

The first group of Immunization cards were returned by you with a notation of the cards still due. We have no record of the first list referred to by you indication the needed shots required for the first group of cards inspected.

Mr. Skrinde reported to the GROVENCO Clinic on April 1st for the necessary booster shots and was told by the Doctor in charge there that the only shot required was the booster shot for Cholera, which was given and was certified to by the Jidda Seaport Quarantine April 3, 1954.

In the future, when the various booster shots are completed, will it be necessary to return the Immunization Cards to you for your inspection, or will a simple notification in writing be sufficient, indicating the type of shot and date it was given.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 8, 1954

H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz
Minister of Agriculture
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Jidda

Your Highness:

A Range Management and Water Spreading Conference will be held in Amman, Jordan, from May 3 until May 23, 1954. This conference is being sponsored by the Foreign Operations Administration, and Arabic-speaking countries of the Middle East are invited to send at least one Ministry official and one or more technicians for training.

Travel to and from Amman is to be paid by each participating country, but per diem expenses while in Amman will be provided by the Foreign Operations Administration. It is expected that Mr. Schwan, our Desert Range Conservationist, will attend this conference, and Mr. Al Betien and others you may designate are cordially invited to attend. The training should be of much value to them.

It is important that we inform the Foreign Operations Administration, Washington Office, immediately whether Mr. Al Betien can attend the conference. A reply by return mail will be appreciated.

Please accept my respects.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 8, 1954

GOVENCO
Jidda
Saudi Arabia

Gentlemen:

Please make five (5) blueprint copies of map of the City of Jidda, per request of Mr. Lawrence Smith.

It is requested that you submit a bill to us in duplicate for this service.

Sincerely,

Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 8, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Time and Attendance Reports of American Employees.

Mrs. Patricia Anderson, Mrs. Carlotta Combs and Mrs. Ethel R. Moser, USAOM employees, are not listed on the regular Time and Attendance Report as copies of the required Form 349 have not been received (except Mrs. Moser's). Mrs. Moser and Mrs. Combs were on duty from March 28, 1954 through April 10, 1954. Mrs. Anderson was on duty from March 28, 1954 through April 2, 1954.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 7, 1954

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I am attaching hereto copy of a letter which Dr. Robert Dolley, Chief of our Education Division, has prepared and handed to me covering an incident which occurred during his recent trip to Riyadh, accompanied by our Liaison Officer, Sadek Husseini, at the invitation of Prince Talal, Minister of Communications (who is attending the meeting of the Council of Ministers now being held at Riyadh).

Of course, I immediately delivered a copy of Dr. Dolley's letter to Ambassador Wadsworth. It is quite apparent that the views expressed by Prince Talal regarding our Government are only "loose talk" since neither the Ambassador nor we learned of any uncomplimentary references to Point IV having been aired for some time by other high Government officials. In fact, remarks which have come to our attention from such sources have been very complimentary.

Ambassador Wadsworth has sent two cables to State -- Nos. 420 dated April 4th and 423 dated April 6th -- covering the political situation here and in which reference is made to Dr. Dolley's letter. I suggest that you contact State (possibly Pete Hart) for complete enlightenment on this situation.

I have just been invited to Riyadh to discuss Point IV programs/projects. Immediately upon my return I shall send you a report covering the discussions held and attitudes shown by the Saudi officials with whom I will have been in contact.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Cy. Dr. Dolley's ltr
dated March 28, 1954

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

~~TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION~~

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

American Embassy - Jidda

April 7, 1954

Mr. Hugh D. Farley, Director
USA Operations Mission to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Hugh:

I was glad to note from your letter dated March 5 that you found our Monthly Program Summaries of interest, as we certainly do of your Program Summaries. I think the idea of distributing these summaries amongst the respective missions of the region is an excellent one as it provides an opportunity for each Mission to not only know what the others are doing, but also how they are doing it. I know that we find the monthly summaries from other missions of considerable help to us.

I was very glad to have had the opportunity during my recent visit to Beirut to visit with you and also Mrs. Farley. I hope the next time we meet it will be possible for us to review our respective operations and to exchange views on local situations, the implementation of programs and projects, etc. I realize that the last time we met there was little time for such discussions, as we all had pressing matters to take up with Norman Paul.

Reports have circulated here lately to the effect that student riots have been frequent in Beirut against the Point IV program. Is this so, and if so, can you tell me what is back of such movements?

We are still held up here with both our '54 TA and SEA programs/projects due to the fact that the meeting of the Council of Ministers, which started March 6th, is still going strong and probably will not be over until the third or maybe the fourth week of this month. By decree here all projects or obligating agreements must be submitted to and approved by the Council of Ministers before execution by the respective Minister. Until such time as the over-all budget with its respective breakdown has been approved, we are completely stymied. This means that even though we have only about half of our authorized complement of personnel, we will have to negotiate all of our TA and SEA agreements and get all of our funds obligated in about two months' time. How we can do it I do not know, but we will do the best we can. We have some very interesting projects worked up and of course are very anxious to get them under way.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Farley, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 7, 1954

Mr. Tracy R. Welling, Director
USA Operations Mission to Jordan
Amman, Jordan

Dear Tracy:

I was very glad to receive your letter dated February 25 and to know that the possibilities are excellent for you and Mrs. Welling to visit us here as soon as pressure of work there will permit.

As matters stand now, I would suggest that your visit here be postponed until next fall. Within another month or so, the hot season will have begun and to get around in such heat is anything but pleasant. Furthermore, we expect to have all of our technical assistance and special economic aid projects approved during the next two weeks by the Council of Ministers now meeting at Riyadh. This means that with about half of our authorized complement of personnel, we will have to get all our project agreements executed and funds obligated in only two months' time. This, of course, is going to create a terrific work pressure. By fall we should have some of our projects well enough advanced so that you could get a good idea as to what we are doing and how we are going about it.

Of course, both Mrs. Corson and I are most anxious to visit you so that I can see the excellent work you are doing there and so that she and I can have an opportunity to visit some of the historic spots in Jordan. For the same reasons given above, I am afraid an early visit to Amman is out of the question. They say that "patience is a virtue" and I am trying hard to be virtuous, but find it very difficult. We first encountered such a long delay in getting our '54 budget approved and covering funds allotted, and now we are undergoing a similar delay awaiting approval of the Saudi budget and funds allotted for development projects.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 7, 1954

Mr. Youssef Elsayed
USA Operations Mission to Egypt
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Mr. Elsayed:

I was glad to receive your letter dated March 18 and would like to take advantage of this opportunity to thank both you and your wife for the courtesies and hospitality shown me during my recent visit to Cairo.

Regarding the possibility of my locating somebody here who might be interested in investing money in the Egyptian companies mentioned in your letter under reply, I have discussed this matter with those here whom I thought might be interested but found little or no interest, principally due to the fact that opportunities for investment right here in Jidda are very good, particularly at this time, real estate and construction work being the most lucrative. If, however, I do find someone who is interested in investing in Egypt, I will certainly put him in touch with you.

Both Dr. Dolley and I send our best regards to you and your wife. I hope that we will have the pleasure of seeing you again before too long, either here or there.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

Jidda

April 7, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: E. A. Juffali & Bros.
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Repair of Telephones

It is requested that a telephone now in room 37 of the PT-4 Office, SAG, Govenco Compound be moved to room 31.

It would also be appreciated if you would have a number of repairs done on several phones in the same office. Repairs need to be done on the phones in rooms 27 and 39.

Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 6, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

We have run into a few complications in connection with the leadership grant for Abdulla Aziz Ben Muammar. As you probably recall, we wrote you concerning this case when application was made for the grant, setting forth the conditions and reasons surrounding the purpose that we had in mind at the time. We did not submit a regular application form because it had been our previous experience to request leadership grants by letter and cabled message. You were very helpful and cooperative in trying to secure clearance for Muammar without further formalities and we did everything that we could do on this end to try to get the candidate off before the February 15 date. Notwithstanding every effort that we made to finalize Muammar's departure with the assistance of the Minister himself, events seemed to stand in the way of the accomplishment of our objective. As you probably realize, the Ministry of Communications is a new governmental agency and they have been in somewhat of a turmoil in establishing their organization. Muammar, who is a very outstanding man, decided just about the time we were ready to get him off to the States that he did not want to stay with the Ministry of Communications and resigned his position for the purpose of devoting his full attention to a utilities firm in which he is an officer.

After much consideration and conferences with the Prince, it was determined that the man in charge of railroad affairs in the Ministry would be the logical person to send in the place of Muammar. This gentleman, whose name is Abdullah Othman Al Kasabi, is a university graduate who speaks English fluently. Although not as forceful a personality as Abdulla Aziz Muammar, he has a sense of balance and foresight that exceeds that of Muammar and which promises to make him a very successful person to work between the American officials presently operating the railroad and the Ministry of Communications which has charge of the railroad. Since it appears that leadership grants are to be requested on regular grantee application forms, we have prepared his application in conformity with this understanding and are sending it to you along with this letter.

We have tried to fill out the Form FOA 583 now required along with these applications to the best of our ability; however, there is a strong possibility that we have not completed this form in the manner that is completely correct, since it is the first one that we have attempted to use. Incidentally, as we have stated before, we do not look on this form favorably and feel that it is more or less an inadequate substitution for documentation which we formerly submitted along with our training applications. With the shortage of secretarial

assistance at our post, the filling out of this form imposes another clerical detail on the Mission that, under the circumstances, proves to be a serious handicap.

We would like for Mr. Al Kasabi to have the same kind of leadership grant that has been approved for Abdulla Aziz and we join with the Minister in recommending him for this training opportunity. We feel that he will profit to the greatest degree from the experience and are quite sure that it will ultimately prove to the mutual benefit of both of our countries upon his return to Saudi Arabia. We, of course, would like to have him approved for departure at the earliest possible moment but are also conscious of the fact that security regulations may prevent the approval of our request for several months - but if there is any way possible to expedite approval and clearance in this particular case, we shall appreciate anything that might be done because we would like for him to have the training at the earliest possible moment as we feel that he will be a key figure in our cooperative effort with the Ministry of Communications upon his return.

Yours very sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

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April 7, 1954

Dear Paul:

Supplementing my letter of February 18th, concerning the survey of the Hejaz Railroad:

Mr. Zahed only returned to Jidda this week, and I am enclosing herewith copy of the official report of the survey as submitted to the Joint Committee for the rehabilitation of this railroad composed of representatives from Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

We have been informed that there will be no action taken for the present in connection with restoring the railroad.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Encl.
Report - Reconnaissance of
Old Hejaz Railroad

Mr. Paul Taggart,
Chief, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria Division,
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations,
Foreign Operations Administration,
Washington 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM:

The following is a report on the reconnaissance made over the Hejaz Railroad from Medina, Saudi Arabia to Ma'an, Jordan, by the Committee set forth below:

Mr. Bedia Oulaby, Syrian Representative
Mr. Fuad A. Zahed, Saudi Arabia Representative
Mr. C. T. Warren, Saudi Arabia Representative

In addition to the above Committee, the following persons made the reconnaissance with the Committee at the request of the Saudi Arabian Government:

Mr. E. F. Sinclair, Chief, Transportation and Communications, Point IV
Mr. Glen F. Brown, Chief, Natural Resources, Point IV
Mr. C. E. Buck, Consulting Engineer

The party left Jidda by plane on Saturday morning, January 30, 1954, and proceeded to Medina and from there travelled by motor convoy to Ma'an, Jordan, arriving Saturday, February 6, 1954.

The Hejaz Railroad is located in mountainous sections generally following the old pilgrim road. It follows along the wadis frequently crossing rough rocky terrain and flat gravel plains.

The railroad has deteriated due to nearly 40 years of non-use and lack of maintenance. Many severe washouts have been caused by violent desert storms. In many places the entire roadbed for long distances has been completely destroyed, for example, a section south of Hadiyah. At many of the washouts no culverts or bridges were built and those that had been constructed were too small to take care of the tremendous water flow resulting from "flash floods". Washouts at several locations where the flood channels changed will require construction of new culverts or bridges, and many will have to be repaired.

There were remarkably few rock slides on the track along the route, but sand was found to be 20 to 30 feet deep in some places where sand dunes had moved on to the track. Money has been provided in the estimate to cover the stabilization of sand dune areas.

A considerable part of the railroad will have to be rebuilt due to damage to the track from corrosion. Approximately 55 kilometers of track from Ma'an has been removed by the Jordan Government for use in the branch line to Nagab.

The buildings along the railroad can be restored to serviceable condition with a minimum amount of expenditure. However, the stations located in Jordan will have to be newly constructed. It will be necessary to provide pumps, power plants, etc. for fuel and watering stations along the route.

It is anticipated that radio communications will be provided for the length of the railroad.

To arrive at an accurate estimate of quantity and cost a detailed survey should be made in order to compile the necessary d tailed information before any

other steps are taken with respect to the restoration of this railroad.

No thought was given to a relocation of the present line. However, it was observed that there may be one or two places where the relocation of the line will make for better and more economical operation. This, however, can be determined after the survey has been completed.

Eleven wells were noted along the route and samples of water were collected for analysis. Pumps could be installed easily in these wells, the depth to water ranging from three to seventy-two feet beneath the surface of the land. Water in the hard crystalline rocks south of Al 'Ula is scarce, and water for the railroad must come from alluvial gravels in Wadi Hamda and tributary wadis. The larger supplies of water lie in the lower sections of the sandstone at Al 'Ula and northward. Artesian water at Tebuk has possibilities for agricultural development.

In addition to the water, fragments of an iron-bearing formation, a limestone series, and sedimentary beds of an age comparable to the phosphate beds in Jordan were seen. Studies of these formations may justify development of raw materials to be hauled on the restored railroad.

In restoring the Hejaz Railroad to normal operation it will greatly improve the economic conditions in all of the countries concerned, especially in Saudi Arabia, as it will be possible to ship fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as other commodities, into the country which will help in building up the standard of living as well as linking Saudi Arabia with other countries by means of a rail route. This will be of great importance to the Moslem world as a means of transportation to the Holy Cities of Medina and Mecca.

No consideration has been given in the estimate for new engines or other rolling stock to be used on the line. However, it is strongly recommended that serious consideration be given to the use of deisel locomotives.

It is estimated that the cost of rehabilitating the Hejaz Railroad from Ma'an, Jordan to Medina, Saudi Arabia, is approximately 40,000,000 Syrian pounds, this depending on a detailed survey of drainage areas which will determine the number of bridges and culverts required.

In considering the present investment in the railroad, the Committee feels that the above expenditure for restoration of the line is justified.

Dated at Damascus, Syria, the 11th day of February, 1954.

(Signed) Bedia Oulaby
(Signed) Fuad A. Zahed
(Signed) C. T. Warren

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 6, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Taggart:

In Mr. Corson's momentary absence from the office, in order to get this in today's pouch, I am enclosing a copy of the Monthly Program Summary for March. The original is going forward in the same pouch to the Cable and Airgram Section of FOA/W.

Sincerely yours,

Blanche L. Oakes
Secretary to Mr. Corson

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MONTHLY PROGRAM SUMMARY - MARCH 1954

SECTION I. CRITIQUE

The month of March was one of considerable activity, not for this Mission but for the Council of Ministers meeting in Riyadh where, among other things, development projects and covering agreements are being discussed and approved as part of the Saudi Government's 1954 fiscal year budgets. The special economic aid agreement has been discussed and in fact was still under discussion at the end of the month under review. USOM/SA expects to receive word shortly of its approval. In the meantime, the activities of this Mission are virtually at a standstill.

Under separate cover a copy of the King's speech, delivered at the opening session of the Council of Ministers' meeting, has been sent to FOA/W. In his speech the King, after discussing current political problems, policy matters, etc., stated that three budgets would be drawn up, approved and made effective, namely:

(1) Operating expenses of Government offices;
(2) Development and construction projects;
(3) Reserves and contingencies.

As part of the development and construction projects budget, the King specifically mentioned water development, public health, education, agriculture and communications. These are the principal fields of activity under which USAOM/SAG programs and projects fall. It is hoped that the SAG 1954 budgets, also development programs and project agreements will be approved by the middle of April.

It is reported that the Council of Ministers before opening discussions on budget matters approved a "modus operandi" for the Council of Ministers; that they approved a wage and salary scale for Government employees, and that they also appointed Sayed Mohammed Alireza as Minister of Commerce (another new Ministry).

The Director, Chief of Transportation Division, and Chief of the Agriculture Division, accompanied by four technicians, made an overland trip from Jidda to Gizan, near the Yemen border, for the purpose of studying possible routes for the proposed Jidda-Gizan road, for studying several proposed agricultural projects in the north and south Tihama areas, for formulating work plans covering the Ituad Community Development project, for observing sanitary conditions in towns and villages along the route, and for looking over the requirements for port improvements at Gizan. A complete report, including photographs, will be sent to FOA/W. The trip, although rugged, was most enlightening.

SECTION II. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. Progress

Agriculture

The month of March was rather quiet due to the presence in Riyadh of the Minister of Agriculture and all of his principal aides, to plan government and Ministry organization and budgets for the next fiscal year. There appears no opportunity to get project agreements for the current fiscal year signed until the Riyadh meeting is ended. Several weeks more may be required. The Khulais work plan has not received final approval by the Minister.

Efforts have been made to do certain types of extension work anticipating approval of projects. Seeds have been distributed in Wadis Khulais and Fatima and in the Hofuf area. Range revegetation test plantings have been made at Kilo 10 horticulture experiment station. The third range management plot has been selected. Efforts have continued to locate appropriate feed supplements for poultry and livestock. With no facilities to receive baby chicks, it is doubtful whether it will be feasible to distribute some of these this spring.

During March preliminary work has been pursued which will be of benefit to implementing projects:

1. Investigations have been made by Mr. Parker relative to sources of animal protein for livestock feeds. A trip was made to Cairo in this connection and to view the poultry and livestock programs there. Egypt imports its animal protein from Denmark. The original plan was to import and distribute about 6,000 chicks, but with the delay in constructing livestock buildings, and consequently no place to care for the chicks for a short period of time, this phase of the proposed livestock project may have to be abandoned.

2. During this month Mr. Mountres, Agronomist, has spent considerable time in Wadi Khulais relative to establishing a crop experimental farm when the Khulais work plan is approved by the Minister of Agriculture. The greatest interest on the part of farmers is in insecticides, improved seeds and the use of fertilizer. Several months ago it was planned to have the experimental seed plots seeded this spring, but without agreement by the Ministry no plot of land is available. However, some tomato, sweet pepper, watermelon, cantaloupe and cucumber seeds have been distributed to about ten farmers who were willing to cooperate on a testing basis. A small amount of fertilizer was given to each farmer. Also, a field demonstration was conducted with the above farmers to show how to apply the fertilizer. One outstanding and progressive farmer has offered land for trial plantings.

Similar work has been conducted in Wadi Fatima and Mr. Barham is in the process of similar seedings in the Al Hasa area.

A trip was made by Mr. Schwan and his counterpart to Riyadh to study range conditions and to select a suitable range management test plot. During the first part of March test plots at Kilo 10 station were seeded. Fifty-one species were planted and arrangements made for irrigation.

A trip was made from Jidda to Gizan, March 11-23, 1954, by the Director, Program Officer and his assistant, a representative of the Health Division, Chief of Transportation, a Soil Scientist, and Chief of the Agriculture Division. The purpose of this trip was to observe road conditions between Jidda, El Darb and Gizan, agricultural conditions and opportunities, and health situations. The occasion was profitable to all in that it gave first-hand information pertaining to Point 4 objectives.

Mr. George Gibbs, Soils Scientist, and his counterpart remained at El Darb to study soil conditions, irrigation problems, and agricultural conditions in general.

Health and Sanitation

Malaria Control

The preliminary report on observations made at Wadi Khulais during January and February was forwarded to the Ministry of Health. At the same time a proposed plan for general health work for Wadi Khulais was sent to the Ministry of Health for their approval. Dr. Shuman, Director of Preventive Medicine, approved the plan and forwarded it and the Malaria report to the Minister of Health.

The examination of the blood films taken from 91 persons during the survey show an incidence of malaria of 29%. In the 0 - 15 year age group, who do not leave the area, 46% had malaria. This corresponds closely with an earlier spot check made in July 1953, which showed that 50% of this age group had malaria.

Mosquito larvae collection stations established in the Wadi during the previous two months were revisited during March and checked for larvae.

Sanitation

A field trip was made to the Asir-Tihama area in southwest Saudi Arabia from March 11 - 25 inclusive. The purpose of this trip was to make a limited survey of the area in relation to the possible development of a Community program for this area.

On March 12 the Saudi Government issued an order to the Government Engineering and Construction Company (GCEMCO) to make the necessary alterations and additions to the Quarantine Station to complete it for use. Progress to date has been limited to making a number of holes for windows for light and ventilation for the disinfecting building.

Dr. A. M. Sadek, WHO Quarantine Advisor, has arrived in Jidda and will be here until December 1954. He seems very well informed on the status of the new station and feels that in view of the amount of work still to be completed and the limited time left before this year's pilgrimage, it will be very unlikely that the station can operate as a Quarantine Station in 1954.

According to newspaper reports, the King has allocated 850,000 Saudi Riyals to complete the work on the Quarantine Station.

Maternal and Child Health

March 23 was a milestone in the progress of the Maternal and Child Health program, as on this date the keys to the building were turned over to the Director of Preventive Medicine of the Ministry of Health. They are now cleaning the building and getting it ready for use. Some equipment will be sent from the warehouse in Mecca soon.

Only a small part of the USAOM equipment is available now and no word has been received on the status of the main requisition, sent in January for procurement.

The staff for the Center are being recruited by the Ministry of Health with the aid of the WHO Public Health Advisor. They will most likely come from Egypt and should be available soon. It is hoped that within the next month the Center can begin functioning.

Other

Revised budget forms were prepared for the Division of Health and Sanitation for FY-1955, covering the Technical Assistance Program and separately that for Special Economic Aid.

Education

The months of February and March were very active months for the Education Division. The new Minister of Education asked that an organizational plan be developed for the new Ministry, specifying positions and general organizational arrangement. Much time was consumed in drafting a detailed organizational chart and graphically indicating the organizational procedure and suggested flow of business through this organization. After preparing this material in graphic form, numerous conferences were held with the Minister and members of his immediate staff for the purpose of reviewing the justification for positions and the reasoning that entered into their development. After much discussion on the subject, the organization was modified to coincide with the expressed desires of the new Minister and new charts were developed. These, in turn, were reviewed and, in light of further considerations, changed and a new chart prepared. In all, six different organizational charts were prepared during the month of February with the

final draft being accepted as the basis on which the Ministry would attempt to organize for business after the approval of its annual budget request.

Upon the finalization of organizational arrangements, the Minister requested that job specifications and lines of authority be defined and specified in detail for all positions of importance as set forth in the organizational arrangement. This was done with the submission of some forty pages of material to the Minister for his consideration. Every effort was made to comply with his request and the work was done with the expenditure of a great amount of effort in order to satisfy the urgency of the Minister's request.

Simultaneously with the request of the Minister of Education, the Minister of Communications called on the Chief of Education to make similar graphic analyses of the Ministry of Communications, along with job specifications and functional procedures for the handling of business. These requests were likewise handled under forced draft and concluded on schedule and apparently to the complete satisfaction of the Minister.

On February 20, the Chief of the Education Division went to Beirut to attend a conference at American University for the purpose of reconsidering the contractual arrangements with this institution that would provide for a more equitable financial situation for the University and a broader service to the various country missions from the standpoint of training. Reports on this meeting and recommendations from the training officials in attendance, including the President of AUB and members of his staff, have gone forward to the Washington office. The results of the meeting, insofar as the conclusions reached were concerned, can be considered extremely successful and should the recommendations of the group be followed, it is anticipated that much benefit will result to the respective missions in the Middle East from the standpoint of increased training service and educational assistance.

Upon the conclusion of the meeting, and in company with Mr. Corson, Country Director, the educational institutions of Egypt, particularly Cairo, were visited with the view to finding adequate facilities for training closer than the United States to Saudi Arabia. The Ministry of Education in Cairo was visited and numerous conferences were held with educational officials of both the Ministry and USAID/Egypt. Fouad and American Universities were visited, and the Heliopolis Trade School, along with some fundamental educational centers that were being developed under the sponsorship of the United Nations Educational Mission to Egypt. The only training center that offered any possibility of use was the Heliopolis Trade School; however, their facilities were in the process of development and I was advised that they were not yet ready to participate in a regional training arrangement. It is important to note that up to the present time there have been no technical training schools discovered in the Middle East that can be used for training technicians from Saudi Arabia. This is a great handicap because many of the technicians could more advantageously, because of language barriers, be trained in the region rather than sending them to the United States.

Natural Resources

Most of the staff of the Natural Resources Division have been occupied making field investigations during the month of March. Reports from the field have been very sketchy, therefore detailed information cannot be given at this time.

Dr. Glen Brown departed from Jidda on March 1st and has been in the field the entire month. He has concerned himself primarily with the investigations of the mineralized zones in the general vicinity of Dhala and Abha.

Mr. Richard Rogers has been in the field the entire month of March. He has been making detailed investigations of various mineralized zones in the Dhala area in conjunction with Mr. Dan Schaffner of the Saudi Department of Mines and Companies.

Mr. Gus Gaudard has been in the field the entire month of March. He has been making detailed mineral investigations in the area southeast of Abha.

Mr. Roy Jackson made a reconnaissance of the Wadi Fatima-Taif-Hamma-Defan area during the period March 8th to 12th for the purpose of establishing geodetic control and obtaining geologic and geographic information. During the remainder of the month he has been occupied computing geodetic positions and preparing mosaic sheets for publication.

Drilling activities during the month of March included the drilling of two wells in the Darb area. The contract between USAON and Michael Baker, Incorporated for the operation of the Saudi Water Resources Division was terminated as of the end of the month. All equipment is now in the hands of GOVSCO.

Transportation and Communications

During the first week of this month, Mr. Albright, Engineer with the Civil Aeronautics Authority stationed at Beirut, was in Jidda for the purpose of discussing and looking over sites for the installation of Visual Omni Range equipment for the Jidda Airport.

From November 11 to 22, inclusive, a field trip was made to Gizan and return for the purpose of looking over the present highway and the harbor at Gizan, in connection with proposed improvements to be made both along the highway and at the harbor, in order that the harbor may be opened up as an additional port of entry for this country on the Red Sea.

The Ministers are still in Riyadh and we are patiently awaiting their return to Jidda inorder that we may find out what the prospects are of implementing our various projects.

b. Local Participation (Nothing to report).

c. Training

Education

Five aircraft trainees departed for the States during the latter part of March. These are the first five new trainees to be sent to the United States from applications submitted during this fiscal year.

On March 25, in response to an invitation from Prince Talal, Minister of Communications, the Chief of the Education Division went to Riyadh to discuss the Dammam Training School Project and a leadership grant for a high official of the Ministry.

Two trainees returned to Saudi Arabia from the States during this two-month period just ended; One, Chief Tawfic, who had just concluded a leadership grant, and the other, Mr. Omar Zaki of the Saudi Arabian Customs, who had just concluded a Type C Training Grant. Both of these individuals were very enthusiastic about their training and the kind of treatment they received during their stay in the States. In the case of Mr.Zaki, steps have been taken to secure a promotion for him in the Customs Office and for him to be assigned to work with the Government Services Division of the USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia in the future. In the case of Mr. Tawfic, he has been promoted to Assistant Director General of the Police Forces. Certainly up to this moment it can be concluded that the investment for the training of these two individuals has proven worthwhile.

SECTION III. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for." The substance in the form of project agreements and work plans now repose at Riyadh, and for their approval we hope for the best. Reality forces us to be reminded that there must be agreement on both sides of the fence line before the fence can be cooperatively built. We impatiently await the Ministers' return, for which there appears to be no hurry.

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

American Embassy - Jidda

April 6, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I am attaching hereto a translation of the King's speech at the inaugural ceremony of the meeting of the Council of Ministers which started March 6th. I am sure that you will find the King's comments of interest.

I particularly call your attention to that part which deals with budgets, from which you will note that the over-all budget will be divided into three sections: (1) Operating expenses of the government offices;
(2) Development and construction projects; and
(3) Reserves and contingencies.
The second section, of course, is the one of greatest interest to us. I will spare no efforts to try to get a copy of this part of the SAG FY-54 budget.

You will note that the King plainly acknowledges the necessity for the Saudi Government to take the necessary steps to improve the welfare of the people and he singles out public health, construction projects, education, agriculture and communications. Speaking of communications, you will note in paragraph 8 that the King states the study for establishing a railway from Riyadh to Mecca has been completed, but does not give us any credit for our substantial contribution to this job. You will also note in the first paragraph of the last page that the King makes reference to a five-year development program, embodying projects for construction, improvements and buildings.

I shall attempt to give you later on as complete a report as possible on the "doings" of the first meeting of the Council of Ministers under King Saud.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 4, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia & Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

Yesterday afternoon I received USFOTO 320 informing us that employment of Mrs. Patricia Anderson cannot be extended since the Medical Director of the State Department has advised against continued employment in the best interests of Mrs. Anderson; that you are writing us in this connection, and that you are also airmailing us covering journal authorizing her employment through April 2.

Needless to say, this information was quite a blow to me and also to the Mission. Mrs. Anderson is a most competent secretary and her loss will be greatly felt. We are now back to our old status of only one secretary for the entire Mission. Will it be possible for you to check on the status of Mrs. Everett and let me know when we can expect to receive authorization for her employment here. Your cable advice as to when Beulah Confers and Mary Parrish might be arriving here will also be very much appreciated.

I informed Mrs. Anderson yesterday to the effect that I had received a cable from FOA/W stating that they are writing us about her employment but that in the meantime I could not accept the responsibility for her continuing to work here as I did not wish to be held responsible for unauthorized payment of salary. I did not say anything to her about the advice of the Medical Director of the State Department, as such information would only create considerable worry for Mrs. Anderson and I thought it best to say nothing about this part of USFOTO 320, but instead - wait until the announced letter arrives, when I will be in a position to give her more specific information.

Would it be possible to use Mrs. Anderson's services on an hourly basis during rush days provided she can and wishes to work on such basis?

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

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April 4, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia & Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

Under date of February 8 I sent you an executed copy in both English and Arabic of our Maternal and Child Health Center project agreement.

Due to the fact that the Ministry of Health did not have funds in its 1953 budget to cover the rent of a suitable building for this Center, we agreed with them that we would advance, for this time only, the sum of 14,000 Saudi Riyals to cover one year's rental cost of the selected building, provided the Ministry agreed to deduct the dollar equivalent of this advance from the $7500 that we agreed to contribute to this project. In return for this advance the Ministry agreed to provide supplies and equipment, of equal amount and quality as that which could be purchased by us under our agreement with that Ministry. Consequently, on February 27th we executed such an amendment agreement so that the Ministry could proceed with the selection, subject to our approval, of a suitable building for this Center. The building has been selected and accepted by us, modifications have been completed and just a few days ago the lease was executed and the keys turned over to the Ministry. Therefore, we are now paying the lessor 14,000 Saudi Riyals under this amendment agreement and the building is being readied for initiating the activities of the Center within the next few weeks. I might mention that some of the items listed in the attached amendment agreement have already been delivered to the Center.

We attach executed copies in both English and Arabic of the amendment agreement in question for your records, now that the transaction has been completed.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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1 Paragraph FSM 3755.1

General Utilities

Charges for light, heat, fuel, gas, electricity and water incurred by Foreign Service personnel in connection with their occupancy of government residence quarters will be paid by the post in accordance with prevailing rates for similiar quarters in the locale and within the limits of allotments. The administrative Officer should establish the maximum amount which will be paid for each utility service for each Government residence.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

~~TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION~~
USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 3, 1954

Mr. Garry Owen
Aramco
Jidda
Saudi Arabia

My dear Mr. Owen:

Pursuant to our recent conversation, short resumes of the background of personnel involved in the Public Administration Mission to Saudi Arabia are as follows:

Name and title: Lawrence W. Smith, Chief Public Administration (Government Management) Division

Education: Pasadena Junior College, 1929-31, Certificate; University of Southern California, 1933, B. S., merchandising; plus a number of additional courses at graduate level at USC, University of California, University of Redlands and American University, Public Administration.

Employment: Present: Chief Public Administration Division FOA Jidda $11, 150 plus allowances; previously Consultant to State of New Jersey, $50 per day; Administrative Officer, Department of Interior, $11,050 (50-53); responsible Agency management including Budget Officer, Management Analyst, and short period as Consultant to City of Philadelphia, to $7,800 (43-46) varied administrative experience Washington and field including Area Director and State Director of Finance for NYA, to $3,600 (36 to 43).

Mr. Smith is 44, married, and has three children.

Name and title: William C. George, Statistical Specialist, Public Administration Division

Education: Southern Illinois University 1936-39; George Washington University 1945-48; A. B. Economics and some graduate courses; U. S. Federal Administrative Intern Program February to August 1945.

Employment: Present: Statistical Specialist FOA Jidda $8,760 plus allowances; previously Acting Chief and Chief Import Statistics Section, U. S. Census Bureau, to $8,760 (47-54);

Economist, Census Bureau, to $4,300 (43-47); Statistical Assistant, Census Bureau, to $2,000 (42); Purchasing Clerk, U. S. Public Buildings Administration, to $1,620 (40-41).

Mr. George is 33, married.

Name and title: John Bode, Accounting Specialist and Comptroller for USOM/Jidda, Public Administration Division.

Education: High School, Bremen, Germany; University of Hamburg, Germany, Degree of Abiturium; Commercial College of Bremen, Germany.

Employment: Present: Accounting Advisor and Comptroller $8,961 plus allowances; Finance Officer, Department of State, Berlin, Germany, to $6,810 (50-53); Claims Examiner Department of State, Frankfurt, Germany, to $6,810 (49-50); Commercial Specialist, Military Government, Berlin, Germany, to $6,474 (48-49); Purchasing Agent LaFrance Industries, New York, $10,000 (45-48); Executive Manager, D. S. Bakary Company, New York, $9,000 (44-45); varied significant positions in business management.

Mr. Bode is 51, married. His wife could not, for health reasons, accompany him to Jidda.

Name and title: Kenneth G. Linden, Customs and Tariff Specialist, Public Administration Division. Now pending final clearance.

Education: High School

Employment: Mr. Linden entered US Customs service in 1916 and has been continuously employed in that Department to date. Was progressively promoted to current position of Supervisory Criminal Investigator $8,500. Once served as Customs Agent in Charge (US Customs Agency Service, New York City) at $9,500 before recent Governmental reductions. During career has personally performed most duties within the field service of US Customs, and has also supervised same. Developed and wrote many regulations currently in use by Customs Services.

Mr. Linden is 55 and unmarried.

Name and title: Joseph Patrick Farrel, Corporate Law Specialist, Public Administration Division. Now pending final clearance.

Education: High School; Princeton University A. B. Politics; Temple University Semi LLB.

Employment: Deputy Branch Chief, Office of Enforcement, OPA, $8,700 (51-53); Appeals Attorney, US Philippine War Damage

Commission (39); general practise of law precedent with exception of three years with US Army (43-46).

Mr. Farrel is 41 and unmarried.

At the outset and as enabled by the presence of Mr. George, the Public Administration Division will be concerned with source data looking forward to the preparation of a recommendation of a statistical program for the Country. Although the arrival of Mr. Linden and Mr. Farrel is indefinite, these technicians should reach us shortly. Mr. Smith will coordinate work within the Public Administration Division and once he becomes established will hope to prove useful to SAG in such matters as administrative budget and finance, personnel administration, management techniques and related fields as requested.

We very much appreciate your kindness last Wednesday. Mr. Smith was provided an excellent introduction to his area of interest in Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Country Director

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 3, 1954

Your Highness:

This has further reference to the subject of my March 30 letter to you.

Please note the tentative time schedule of activities for the visiting team for Range Management and Water Spreading. It may be necessary to alter this schedule, depending on arrival of team and any changes in their plans.

Assuring you of our desire to cooperate in all matters, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens, Chief
Agriculture Division

Attachment

H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz
Minister of Agriculture
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

Jidda

MEMORANDUM

March 31, 1954

TO : Dr. W. J. Edens, Chief
Agriculture Division

FROM: H. E. Schwan
Desert Range Conservationist

RE : Visit of U.S. Team for Range Management and Water Spreading.

Following is the time schedule for the visit of Messrs. Aamodt, Ayers and Larson:

April 5-M	Visitors arrive, arrange lodging, meals, etc.
6-T	Conferences, visit Embassy. and Ministry of Agriculture.
7-W	Conferences.
8-T	One day-Medina Road, Kilo 10, Wadi Fatima
9-	Friday
10-S	Wadi Khulais
11-S	Wadi Khulais
12-M	Wadi Khulais
13-T	Open (Load power wagon, get gasoline)
14-W	Leave for Taif, meet FOA offices, 7:30 A.M.
15-T	Taif (Agr lands nearby, Wadi Waj, Wadi Liiya, etc.
16-F	Taif (To Dar al Baida, Wadi N'Moor)
17-S	Taif (To Upper Wadi Waj, Hemma Tallhat, Hemma Saysed)
18-S	Taif (To plain of Al Aire to see desert range)
19-M	Return to Jidda.
20-T, 21-W, 22-T	- Open
23-	Friday
24-S	Visitors depart.

Initial passenger loading for Taif trip:

Sta. Wagon 1, Schwan, soldier, Aamodt, Gibbs.
Sta. Wagon 2, Edens, Ayers, Al Batein
Power Wagon, Driver, cook, asst. cook
Sta. Wagon 3, Rountree, Koje, Larson.

Bedrolls should be carried by each person in the same Station Wagon in which he is riding.

Each individual will be responsible for his own drinking water to be taken on each field trip.

HESchwan/pa